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RUMANIAN PRINCE RUMOURS.

PLOTTING TO ACCEDE TO THRONE.

AUTHORITIES DENY STORIES OF REVOLUTION.

BALKANS INTRIGUE.

Diplomatic circles are intrigued by the numerous rumours in circulation regarding a plan by Prince Carol to ignore his renunciation of the throne of Rumania, and to bring off a coup.

It is alleged that he has been seeking the favour of the Peasants' Party, but M. Inca, the Rumanian Home Minister, discredits the stories of revolution.

It is learned that the ex-Crown Prince had drafted a manifesto which he proposed to circulate throughout Rumania, announcing his readiness to take the throne.

Aeroplanes Chartered.

London, May 7.

Carol, the Rumanian ex-Crown Prince, with Madame Lupescu has been staying in Surrey as guests of a Rumanian business man for the past week. It is now learned that the British authorities on learning on the 6th inst. that two commercial aeroplanes had been chartered, presumably to fly with Carol to Rumania, took action to prevent the departure of the machines as the authorities are not satisfied that Carol is possessed of the necessary papers to land in Rumania.—*Reuter.*

Interviewed by Reuter, Prince Carol denied that he chartered the aeroplanes to take him to Rumania, adding:

"I came to England for rest and for sport, but we are not always masters of events, which sometimes move faster than we expect."

Political Propaganda.

He also denied emphatically that he was engaged in political propaganda in England, or that he chartered the aeroplanes for the purpose of distributing a manifesto over Rumania, announcing his readiness to take the throne.

The manifesto, he declared, was drafted at Monte Carlo a long time ago, and he dated it May 5th, in order to prevent bloodshed as he learned that the Peasants' Party was to hold a big meeting on May 6th, and the Government might have made an attempt to prevent the meeting.

No Backing for Carol.

If he returned to Rumania, Prince Carol declared, he would travel in a perfectly ordinary and open fashion.

The attitude of the Rumanian authorities towards Prince Carol has been outlined in authorised circles in London as follows:

Prince Carol's actions are those of a private individual in view of his renunciation of the right of accession to the throne of Rumania, and his *undertaking not* to return to Rumania for ten years without the consent of the Government.

There is no backing in Rumania for the aspirations attributed to Prince Carol.—*Reuter.*

Interview With Regency.

Bucharest, May 7.

The Peasants' Congress, at Alzajulia passed off quietly with untoward incidents.

The Government provided special trains to take home several delegations at their request.

M. Maniu, the Peasant Party leader, is now on his way to Bucharest for the purpose of an interview with the Regency.

M. Inca, the Minister of the Interior, in a statement referring to the Peasants' Congress, scouted the idea of revolutionary agitation. —*Reuter.*

Further Wild Rumours.

London, May 7.

Prince Carol's movements were followed with close attention by interested British quarters last night.

His departure from his Surrey residence last night gave rise to wild rumours until it was discovered that he, Madame Lupescu and their host, M. Jonescu, had only proceeded to a London cinema (where the programme included the film "We are All Gamblers").

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CHINESE FACULTY APPEAL.

H. E. URGES EUROPEANS TO SUPPORT.

REMOVING BARRIERS.

The following appeal has been issued by His Excellency the Governor in connexion with the movement to establish a School of Chinese at the University of Hongkong:

"I venture to recommend very strongly indeed to the attention of the European community of Hongkong the strenuous and successful efforts which are now being made by the leaders of the Chinese community to raise funds with which to found a school of Chinese at the Hongkong University. The objects of this school will be, on the one hand, to encourage the scientific study of the Chinese language, literature, history, philosophy, and archaeology on modern lines, and on the other hand, to afford facilities to Europeans for learning the Chinese language and to acquaint themselves with Chinese thought and customs.

"One of the most urgent needs of this Colony, as I see it at the present time, is that the barriers between the European and Chinese communities here resident should be broken down and this cannot effectively be done until the Europeans who live and have their business in Hongkong, acquire a competent knowledge of the Chinese language. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that the project now in hand should succeed, and I sincerely hope that the response of the European community to the appeal now made will be no less generous that that of the Chinese community."

(Sd.) C. CLEMENTI.
Governor.

BEST AMERICAN PLAY IN 1927.

MR. EUGENE O'NEILL GETS PULITZER PRIZE.

New York, May 7.

"The Strange Interlude" has been adjudged by the Pulitzer Prize Committee to be the best American play of 1927, and the author, Mr. Eugene O'Neill, has been awarded the $1,000 prize.

Mr. Thornton Wilder has been presented with $1,000 for "Bridge of San Luis Rey," regarded as the best novel of 1927.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RUBBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

TO CONTINUE TO ACT TILL NOVEMBER.

London, May 7.

In the House of Commons at question time, Lt.-Col. L. C. M. S. Amery, the Dominions Secretary stated that the last time the Rubber Advisory Committee met was on December 8th. last year.

He had invited the members to continue to act as long as the Stevenson restriction scheme continued in force.—*Reuter.*

EGYPT ROUNDS UP COMMUNISTS.

GREEKS AND ITALIANS MAKING TROUBLE.

Cairo, May 7.

The Police last night carried out a series of raids in Cairo with the object of rounding up Communists.

Eighteen arrests were effected, the men apprehended being mostly Italians and Greeks. It is understood that they will be deported.—*Reuter.*

ECHO OF S-4 DISASTER.

U.S. NAVY DEPARTMENT ADDS TO RESCUE SERVICE.

Washington, May 7.

The Navy Department has authorised the increase in number of submarine rescue vessels to five, and the establishment of a deep-sea diving school.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW TSINAN SENSATION.

FIERCE NATIONALIST ATTACK ON JAPANESE POSTS.

Tokyo Report of Broken Pledges and Renewed Hostilities.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN PROGRESS.

Despite the dreadful slaughter suffered in futile efforts to overcome the Japanese defences last Thursday and Friday, the Nationalist troops at Tsinan launched another fierce attack on the foreign commercial area last night, according to a cable received from Tokyo this morning.

In spite of all pledges, the Nationalists have renewed hostilities on a large scale, apparently, and it is stated that severe fighting is now in progress between the Japanese troops and the Southerners.

Only a little earlier in the day, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had written to General Fukuda, expressing regret for the untoward developments and stating that all troops and officials had been ordered to keep out of the area "which has been unlawfully occupied by your men," in order to avoid further developments.

Large numbers of Japanese soldiers are arriving at Tsingtao, according to British naval wireless reports, and it is expected that these will be hurried to the relief of the harassed forces at Tsinan while it is also strongly suggested that the Japanese may decide upon the occupation of Shantung, and the seizure of the railways until the disturbances are over.

In Canton and Shanghai, considerable agitation against Japanese is being fostered, while along the Yangtsze, the Japanese residents are being advised by their Consuls to evacuate in case of anti-Japanese demonstrations. Effect has already been given to this advice at Wuhu.

A Northern aeroplane sailed over Tsinanfu yesterday and was bombing the foreign settlement area. The plane was brought down and destroyed by the Japanese troops.

There is a possibility that Japanese troops will be sent to Nanking.

They allege that the Japanese tortured and murdered Chinese officials, in addition to the slaughter of soldiers by machine-guns.

They are deliberating attempting to arouse indignation and to promote a boycott of the Japanese.

One student group fled to Chapel directly Municipal Police approached one of their meetings, but in the native city it is well-known that public organisations are aiding the students to create a general strike and boycott.

Northern Plane Brought Down.

Tokyo, May 8.

A message from Tsinan states that the Japanese troops have brought down a Northern aeroplane, which was engaged on an air raid and was bombing the foreign settlement.

The War Office states that it has received information from Japanese sources at Tsinan that the total number of Japanese residents known to have been murdered is thirteen, but a further 28 are missing, of which two are believed to have been murdered.

Nine others have been rescued after brutal assaults by the Nationalist troops.

It has also been ascertained that 22 Japanese houses have been looted.

Looting Continues.

Tsinan, May 8.

Looting is still continuing in the city on a small scale, but measures are being taken to prevent this.

Tokyo, May 8.

There is a general feeling of relief at the closing of the Diet Session, which will enable the shelving of domestic politics temporarily.

The attention of the whole country is now concentrated on the China situation, the seriousness of which necessitates a united front.

Anti-Japanese "Lies."

The *Japan Times*, typifying the prevailing sentiment, emphasises that China's reply to Japan's efforts at moderation and conciliation is the looting of Japanese homes and the barbarous murdering of many Japanese helpless civilians.

Pointing out that the Chinese will flood the world with anti-Japanese lies and propaganda with the object of gaining sympathy, the *Japan Times* remarks that the world's faith in Chinese veracity has been greatly shaken by the events of the last few years.

Nationalist Criticised.

The *North China Daily News*, commenting on the incidents at Tsinanfu, points out that, unlike the Nanking affair, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was present on the scene of the conflict, and also Mr. Hwang Fu, the Nationalist Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Yet the Nationalist troops were uncontrollable.

The moral is that there is no protection for life and property in any Chinese city under Nationalist control except by foreign troops.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Statement on First Encounter.

Tokyo, May 4!

The War Office to-day made the following announcement regarding the disturbances in Tsinan:

"At about 10 a.m. on May 3, Southern soldiers forced their way into Japanese residences in the

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SHANGHAI STUDENT AGITATION.

Tokyo, May 8, (11.05 a.m.)

It is clear from messages just received from Tsinanfu that severe fighting broke out again between the Japanese troops and the Nationalist soldiers last night.

The Southerners, in spite of previous agreements, launched an attack on the Japanese troops who were guarding the foreign commercial area.

Details are lacking at the moment but it appears that fierce fighting is going on.—*Reuter.*

Marshal Chiang's Appeal.

Shanghai, May 8.

In a letter to General Fukuda before leaving Tsinan, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek expressed deep regret for the untoward developments in the city. He said:

"With the full intention of maintaining peace, we have ordered all our troops and officials to keep out of the area which has been unlawfully occupied by your men, in order to avoid further serious developments.

"All Nationalist forces have been instructed to leave Tsinan for the Northern Front and only a small force, just sufficient to maintain order within the city, will be allowed to remain."

He added that he was leaving the city for the front that day and expected that the Japanese military leaders would immediately order the Japanese troops to cease their unlawful actions, saying this was the only possible measure for the Japanese if they really desired to maintain peace in Asia and respect Sino-Japanese relations.

Similar letters were sent by Marshal Chiang to all the Foreign Consuls in Tsinan on the same day.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Northerners Warned.

Naval wireless messages received to-day show that the Northern forces are making preparations for a counter-attack and that these are now nearing completion. A movement in the direction of Tsinanfu is anticipated. The Japanese authorities have, in view of this, warned the Northerners to avoid hostilities until the recent incidents at Tsinan have been settled.

Wireless messages also refer to intelligence from Tokyo and state that it is expected sanction will be given for the despatch additions to the Shantung Expeditionary Force including the Nagoya Infantry Division to Tsingtao.

Japanese to Seize Railways?

It is also disclosed that occupation by the Japanese of the whole of Shantung province and also occupation of the railways is being strongly suggested. In addition there is a proposal that Japanese troops should be despatched to Nanking.

Eight destroyers have been ordered to proceed to the Yangtsze, along which it is anticipated there will be anti-Japanese agitation.

Sporadic Shooting at Tsinan.

Messages from Tsingtao show that Japanese troops are arriving there in large numbers. The situation is quiet. Fighting has ceased in Tsinanfu, but there is still some sporadic shooting outside the lines. The Japanese area has now been cleared of all Chinese troops. All Consuls are reported safe.

The Japanese residents in Wuhu have evacuated owing to the fear of anti-Japanese demonstrations. The situation in Shanghai continues quiet. The general strike which was called as a protest against Japanese action at Tsinan was only partially successful outside the Settlement.—*Naval Wireless.*

Shanghai Agitation.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, May 8.

An extremely tense anti-Japanese atmosphere is developing as the result of virulent agitation. Shanghai student groups have launched an open-air lecture campaign denouncing the Shantung Expedition, and blaming the Japanese for the Tsinan incident.

COLLAPSED AT PUBLIC MEETING.

AUSTRALIAN MINISTER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

ON 63RD BIRTHDAY.

Sydney, May 7.

Mr. H. E. Pratten, the Minister for Trade and Customs, collapsed and died whilst adressing a public meeting here.

The hall was crowded, as it was Mr. Pratten's 63rd birthday.—*Reuter.*

[The late Mr. Herbert Edward Pratten had been Minister of Trade and Customs since 1924. He was born at Downland, near Bristol, and was educated at the Merchant Venturers' School, Bristol. He left England when 20 years of age and had a successful mercantile, manufacturing and mining career in Australia. For seven years, he figured in municipal life, was three times a Mayor and for three years was President of the Manufacturers Association. During 1915 and 1916, the late Mr. Pratten was a member of the British Parliamentary Munitions Committee. He was elected to the Commonwealth Senate in 1917, from which he later resigned, and in 1921 he was elected to the House of Representatives. He was the author of "Asiatic Impressions" and "Through Orient to Occident." He married a daughter of the late Mr. J. P. Wright, of Sydney, and there are two sons and three daughters.]

AMERICAN SHARE GAMBLING.

SENSATIONAL RISE IN PRICES.

New York, May 7.

The New York Stock market reopened to-day with amazing strength, an enormous volume of business being transacted in the first few hours.

The first sales included a block of 10,000 Radio shares at $191, a rise of nearly nine points, and a block of 8,500 General Motors stock at $210, a rise of five points compared with Friday's closing figures.

The Exchange was closed on Saturday.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Four million, six hundred thousand shares changed hands during the day, Radio Corporations making a new record of $205, while aeroplane stocks soared, Aeros jumping up nine points and Curtiss eighteen points.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HANKOW OPPOSED TO FENG YU-HSIANG.

TROOP MOVEMENTS IN HAN RIVER AREA.

Hankow, May 8.

Troop movements have again started and it is believed that soldiers are proceeding up the Han River to meet the troops of General Feng Chung-show. The latter was reported some time ago to be rebelling against Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and it is not clear whether the troops now moving out of Hankow intend to join or resist the units under General Fang.

The latter's headquarters are still in Hankow, however, and therefore it seems probable that the two forces intend to unite. There is no change in the situation on the Upper River.—*Naval Wireless.*

A ZINC RESTRICTION SCHEME.

EUROPEAN "RING" TO CUT DOWN PRODUCTION.

Brussels, May 7.

At an international meeting of European zinc producers held to-day, a resolution was unanimously carried in favour of the stabilisation of the market by the creation of a Bureau of Statistics, and the restriction of production, if necessary.

Overseas producers will be invited to co-operate.—*Reuter.*

THE BRITISH OPEN GOLF TITLE.

MELHORN (U.S.) LEADS THE FIELD.

ARCHIE COMPSTON FIVE STROKES BEHIND.

FIRST DAY'S PLAY.

London, May 7.

"Wild Bill" Melhorn, the American golfer, with a score of 72, led the field of nearly 270 competitors at the end of the first day's play in the British Open Golf Championship at Sandwich.

In addition to Melhorn, other American competitors are Gene Sarazen, Walter Hagen, and Jim Barnes, Bobby Jones, the American amateur holder of the title being a notable absentee.

Representatives of South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, France, Argentine, Spain, Belgium and Germany are also seeking to prevent the honour residing in Great Britain.

Britishers Holding Own.

After two rounds, one on the Prince's course and the other on St. George's course, the hundred best scores will compete for the championship Proper over 72 holes, beginning on Wednesday. Other scores include:

W. Davies (Prenton)	73
Len Holland (Gerrard's Cross)	73
George Duncan	73
Jack Smith	73
T. Torrance (Sandy Lodge)	74
Barnes (U.S.A.)	74
Jurado (Argentine)	75
W. Whitcombe	75
Reg. Whitcombe	75
Walter Hagen (U.S.A.)	76
G. Sarazen (U.S.A.)	77
J. M. Chugh (U.S.A. amateur)	77
Arthur Havers	77
Abe Mitchell	77
Stewart (Australia)	77
T. Armour (U.S.A.)	77
Archie Compston	77

Newcomer Plays Well.

It is notable that Jack Smith, who with George Duncan is only one behind the leader, is a comparatively newcomer to the professional game, being Duncan's former assistant.

Archie Compston, who beat Hagen so sensationally just recently, is a little behind, but there can be little doubt that he will qualify for the match play.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH AVIATOR'S CRASH.

FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA ENDED?

London, May 7.

News has been received that Wing-Commander Manning, who set off on April 23rd for a flight to Australia, following the same route as Captain Bert Hinkler, has crashed at Homs, Syria.

The aviator escaped without injury, but no details are available of the extent of the damage to his machine.—*Reuter.*

DRUG SMUGGLING MEASURE.

STRICT PENALTIES IMPOSED IN AUSTRALIA.

Sydney, May 7.

Under a new Proclamation, under the Customs Act, persons illegally importing or possessing cocaine, or any of its derivatives, will be liable in the future to terms of imprisonment varying from three years, or a fine not exceeding £500.—*Reuter.*

FLAPPER VOTE BILL PASSED.

THIRD READING WITHOUT DIVISION.

London, May 7.

The House of Commons to-day passed the third reading of the Equal Franchise Bill, more popularly known as the Flapper Vote Bill, without a division.—*Reuter.*

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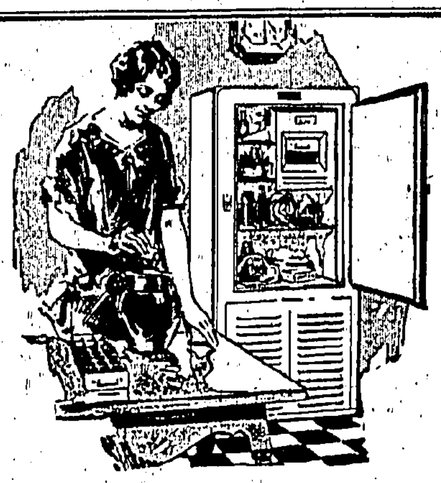

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ASSAULT ON POLICE CONSTABLE.

A FREE FIGHT WITH VILLAGERS.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday, a Chinese farmer and four others were charged with assaulting a Weihaiwei constable, D.185, at Po Chung, (near Aplichau on the Stanley side) on April 28. A sixth man was charged with being in unlawful possession of a pine tree.

Mr. M. K. Lo represented the farmer and Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the rest of the defendants.

The constable's story was to the effect that when he arrested the sixth defendant, the man in possession of the tree, the others set upon him and after assaulting him bound him up and took him to the Aberdeen Police Station.

Mr. M. K. Lo suggested that his client the farmer arrived on the scene after the assault, where he saw the constable all tied up. His client learned that the constable had drawn his revolver on the villagers and consequently he willingly accompanied the villagers when the latter proposed taking the constable before the Inspector.

Mr. Russ suggested that the constable went to Po Chung for some other purpose than he told the court, one of which was to demand a payment from the sixth defendant, failing which he would bring the sixth defendant to the police station for cutting trees.

Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., watched the case on behalf of the Captain Superintendent of Police and the prosecution was conducted by Crown Sergeant Hopkins.

Constable's Evidence.

Giving evidence from the witness box, Constable D.185 said that on April 28 he was on patrol duty at 6 p.m. He went to Po Chung with D. 36 and on arrival there met five men, each carrying a tree trunk. As soon as the five men saw the witness they ran away. They succeeded in escaping, excepting an old man, whom the witness arrested. That was the sixth defendant. Witness was about to take the old man from the hillside to his boat on the beach when there was a shout in Chinese of "Strike them," and simultaneously eight or nine men appeared in the hillside. Witness stated that they came from a nearby hut.

One of these men threw his arms around witness whilst the remainder, amongst whom were the first five defendants, assaulted him. Witness added that the second defendant snatched at his revolver and managed to tear the revolver and the holster from his belt. The lanyard attached to the revolver was also broken. Not only did the men strike him with their fists but they also threw stones at him.

At this time, D.36 was struggling with the second defendant for possession of witness' revolver, but was overpowered by the latter and had to run away.

Mr. Lindsell: What happened to the old man in the meanwhile?

Witness: He remained there and joined in the assault.

Continuing, witness said that after they had overpowered him, the first defendant said "Better get a length of rope and tie him up." At this the third defendant procured some rope and tied witness' arms to his side and also wound the rope around his body. The second defendant then dragged him down to the beach to a sampan, where they pushed witness in and kicked him while he was lying in the bottom.

Taken to Police Station.

In answer to his Worship witness said that he did not know where he was being taken to. He heard the men discussing the advisability of throwing him into the sea, but eventually they took him to a landing place in Hupeh Street, Aberdeen, and later to the police station.

Continuing, witness said that they came across a Cantonese constable in Hupeh Street (C.457) who asked the witness what was the matter, and on being told, the latter took the whole crowd to the Police Station.

Answering his Worship witness said that the villagers made no attempt to overpower C.457. The witness added that the Cantonese constable managed to snatch witness' revolver from the girdle of second defendant. The first four defendants accompanied him from Po Chung to the Police Station.

Speaking of the arrest of the fifth man, the witness said that he revisited Po Chung later that night and from a hut, wherein there were ten to twelve persons, he pointed out the fifth defendant, who was then taken into custody.

Not on the Scene.

Mr. Lo (Cross-examining): I put it to you that the first defendant was not on the scene at all until you had already been bound up?—He was there and it was he who suggested binding me up.

Do you say that he was there from the beginning?—Yes.

Do you say that he was one of the men whom you saw coming down carrying a tree?—No, he was not carrying any tree.

What was he doing when you first saw him?—I first saw him when he emerged from the hut.

Mr. Lo then told his Worship that his client would say that he was not actually at the scene of the assault at the time. He was at a nearby place called Sam Wan. One of the defendants told him of the trouble and he rowed back to Po Chung, where he saw the constable bound up. He told the men to undo the constable, but they represented to him that the constable had tried to use his revolver and that it was better not to untie him but instead take him to the Aberdeen Police Station. His client consented and went with the others to the Police Station.

Addressing the witness, Mr. Lo said: I put it to you that you knew all along that you were being taken to the police station to see the Inspector there?—No, I did not know that.

I put it to you that after landing at Aberdeen, the first defendant went into his shop to put on another coat and that you and the others waited outside?

Witness replied that the first defendant did go into a shop. He and the others did wait outside, but he did not know what for.

Mr. Lo: I put it to you that P.C. 457 did not arrest any of the defendants and that they went along to the police station of their own accord?—Yes, he (P. C. 457) did.

Mr. Lindsell: One man arrest four?—He arrested two and the other two followed him.

Outside his Beat.

Mr. Russ (cross-examining): You were on patrol duty, weren't you?

Witness: Yes.

Have you a definite route fixed up for this patrol or can you wander anywhere?—No fixed route for me.

Sergeant Hopkins told his Worship that the witness was on No. 2 beat in Aberdeen and that he was on four hours duty from 6 p.m.

Mr. Russ: Does your beat include Po Chung?—No.

Why did you go there?—I got information from someone speaking Cantonese.

Do you know the man's name?—No.

He spoke to you in Cantonese?—Yes.

So you immediately left your post?—Yes.

That is useful information for burglars: (Laughter). Just because someone gave you information you immediately left your beat and went to Po Chung Peninsula.—Yes.

Was D. 36 in plain clothes?—Yes.

Mr. Lindsell: Was D. 36 off duty?—Yes.

Mr. Russ: Zealous! And you took a sampan and landed at the vegetable farm?—We landed at the hillside near the bay.

Witness, in answer to further questions denied that there was a vegetable garden near where he landed, and said that he landed near the huts in Po Chung.

Mr. Russ: You went up a little way to the vegetable gardens?—I did not notice a vegetable garden.

Did not know where the gardens were? You found this old man all alone, didn't you?—Yes.

You were not very frightened of him, the two of you?—No.

Did you insist on his coming up with you to the hillside?—No, he was coming down the hillside when I saw him.

Was he carrying anything?—Yes, a tree.

I put it to you that you found him in the vegetable garden and you told him he had to go up the hill with you?—No.

That you went up the hill and found a pine tree and said he had to carry it down to the Po Chung farm?—No.

I put it to you that you said you would kick him to death if he refused?—No.

And you made him carry it down?—No.

And you told that if he did not pay some money you were going to proceed with the case, but if he did pay the money you would not?—No.

It is all untrue?—Yes.

Police Regulations.

Regarding the witness' statement that he left his patrol to go to Po Chung on receipt of information, Mr. Russ asked witness if it was the rule of the police—if on receipt of information from anybody speaking Cantonese the police had to leave their beats?

Mr. Lindsell suggested that it would be a good idea to ask what the information was first.

Witness on being asked said that he was told that someone was cutting trees in Po Chung. He did not ask his informer's name, neither did he ask the informer why he wanted to give the information. He merely asked the informer how he knew and was told that he actually saw the cutting.

Mr. Russ asked witness if he would leave his beat on such information, and witness replied that he would try and find out.

Mr. Lindsell to witness: The question is, according to police regulations, are you entitled to leave your beat on information of tree cutting a long distance away?

Mr. Kent: He should not leave. It is all according to circumstances.

Mr. Lindsell: In this case?

Mr. Kent: Without getting the permission of his superior officer he should not have left.

Addressing witness, Mr. Lindsell asked him if he denied that he had no earthly right to leave his beat.

Witness Made No Reply.

Mr. Russ (to defendant): You were within two minutes' walk of the police station when you got the information?—About four or five minutes.

Could you not take your informer there instead of going off in a sampan? You could have got a launch and got to Po Chung much sooner?—I wanted to see if the information was true before I reported.

In answer to further questions, witness denied that he told the old man to carry the tree. It was on his threatening to arrest the sixth defendant that the latter refused.

"Save Life."

Mr. Russ suggested that when the old man refused to carry the tree, the witness drew his revolver, at the sight of which the old man cried "Save life," on hearing which the others emerged from the hut mentioned by defendant.

Witness denied this.

Mr. Russ also suggested that the witness, after his revolver had been snatched away, managed to get free and that he climbed up a rocky place and pelted stones at the defendants. Witness denied this.

Evidence was then given by the Cantonese constable who spoke of seeing the Shantung constable 185 landing in Hupeh Street, all tied up. He asked what was the matter and was told of the tree cutting incident. Witness inquired who had the revolver and on the way to the police station the third defendant indicated that he carried it in his waist. Witness managed to get hold of the weapon.

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A MOTHER IN BURMA
Tells How She Cured Her Little One Of Worms And Stomach Trouble With
BABY'S OWN TABLETS.

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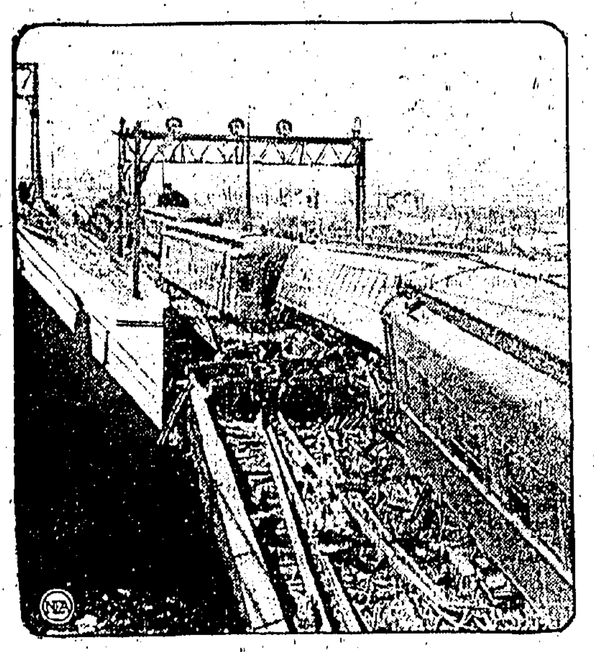
SALESMAN SAM — Using the Head! — By Small

General Umberto Nobile's aerial expedition to the North Pole is rapidly getting under way. His airship "Italia" is seen leaving her hangar at Rome for a flight to Milan, the first leg of the long and hazardous journey. The "Italia" has now reached Spitzbergen, a cable stated yesterday.

A Navy plane left its radial motor in the attic as a calling card when it came uninvited to Mrs. Annie Travis' Boston home. The pilots, reached safety in parachutes so the machine dropped in on Mrs. Travis—through the roof!



What happened when a commuter-laden electric express train on the Long Island Railway left the tracks just outside Brooklyn, N. Y. Despite the extent of the wreckage, none was killed. A score suffered injuries.

A rival to size in the U. S. Statue of Liberty is the 90-foot bronze memorial to Italy's World War dead which is to be erected on Mount Maddalena, near Turin. Sculptured by Edoardo Rubino, it will bear a torch visible at night anywhere on the plain of Piedmont.

The widow and daughter Joan of Captain Walter Hinchliffe, who died in attempting a Transatlantic flight are taken posed in the garden of their home at Purdy, England.

Maybe you think this is St. Moritz, Montreal or some other popular winter sports resort. It's Atlantic City, usually pictured in summer sun, with countless bathers on the beach.

Tipperary Tim, H. S. Konyon's sure footed 10-year-old, who of 42 starters in the Grand National Steeplechase was the only one who didn't fall.

Four performers in a scene from "The Enchanted Island," which was danced to music by Debussy at the Hans Wiener recital at the Capitol Theatre Shanghai recently. Standing are Mrs. Holm and Mrs. Landskog, and kneeling are Miss Senia Greenberg and Miss Lela Coushnir.

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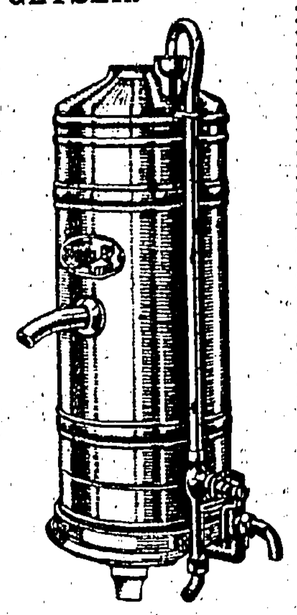
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WANTED.—Experienced stenographer-typist for solicitors' office. Apply P. O. Box 387.

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FOR SALE.—At Castle Peak, Bathing Hut "Jerone" in excellent condition with all requisites. Immediate possession. Offers to Box No. 360, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

PREMISES TO LET.

TO LET.—Office, Asiatic Building. Apply P. O. Box 22.

TO LET.—Office Rooms, 2nd floor, New Hongkong Bank Building. Apply Sang Kee, same building.

TO LET.—One European FLAT Wanchai Gap Road, Hongkong. Apply to 32, Kennedy Road.

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New Advertisements.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Members are requested to attend a Regular Monthly Meeting at the GUILD OFFICE, 67, Des Voeux Road, Central (DAVID HOUSE), on THURSDAY, 10th May, at Six o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS.

Elections and General.

W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary.

MACAO CHARITY AND COMMERCIAL FAIR.

AUTUMN 1928.

The attention of the public is drawn to this praiseworthy effort in aid of the funds of the Macao Holy Institute of Mercy, established in 1569.

Admission Souvenir Tickets are now available.

Merchants and Manufacturers interested should communicate with the Organising Secretaries of the Macao Charity and Commercial Fair, Macao.

NOTICE.

On and after Monday, 7th May, the Office of The Government Marine Surveyor will be in the P. & O. Building, Connaught Road, Central, 5th Floor.

BRITISH LEGION

HONGKONG BRANCH.

The 7th Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, 11th May, 1928, in the Board Room of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Business.

To receive the report and accounts for the year 1927.

To elect officers, etc.

A. PIERCY,
Hon. Secretary.

MACAO RACES.

EIGHT-EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SUNDAY, 13TH MAY, 1928.

First Race 1.15 p.m.

Public Enclosure .....40 cents
Members Enclosure $1.00

RACE STEAMERS HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Sui An .....8.30 a.m.
Taishan .....9.30 a.m.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Sui An .....3.30 p.m.
Taishan .....5.30 p.m.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

6, Duddell Street.

If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

FINED FOR BRIBERY.

INDIAN CONSTABLE DENIES ALLEGATION.

A fine of $5 was imposed by Major C. Willson on a Chinese hawker who attempted to bribe an Indian constable with 20 cents.

The case came up before the Magistrate yesterday for hearing, but was adjourned in order that the police might make enquiries regarding an allegation by the defendant that he was in the habit of bribing the Indian constable.

The police told his Worship that they were not able to confirm the allegation. They added that the hawker had been selling fish in in Des Voeux Road, outside the Central Market, contrary to the regulations, which permitted hawkers to ply only in Jubilee and Victoria Streets.

The defendant said he plied his fish in Des Voeux Road because he had paid 20 cents to the Indian constable. When the latter approached him on Saturday, he naturally offered the money again.

The constable denied the hawker's story.

A coolie who was engaged in clearning the show windows of the Wing On Company, received severe injuries to his head and shoulders when a gang plank, on which he was standing, gave way, causing him to fall from a height of about twenty feet.

Lammert's Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY,
the 8th May, 1928,
commencing at 5.15 p.m.
at their Sales Room, Duddell Street

A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS,

including:—
Rare Hongkong, China and Macao, etc.

Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Monday, the 7th May, 1928.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 1, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on WEDNESDAY,
the 9th May, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

Comprising:—

Teak Bookcase, Hatstand, Cretonne Covered Couch and Armchairs, Glass Cabinets, Desks, Office Chairs, Clothes Hanger, Gramophones, Records, Carpets, Rugs, Oil Paintings, Pictures, Ornaments, Curios, Electric Table Fans, etc., etc.

Teak and Oak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards with Bevelled Mirrors, Dinner Waggons, Ice Chests, Dinner Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc.

Teak and Iron Bedsteads with Mattresses, Teak and Oak Wardrobes with and without Mirrors, Chests of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Chamber Stands, Side Tables, Toilet Crockery, Commodes, etc., etc.

Also

A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture.

Comprising:—

Teapoys, Curio Cabinets, Marble Top Round Table, Marble Top Stools, Chairs, Joss Tables, Opium Stools, Jardiniers, Folding Tables, etc., etc.

And

1 "White Frost" Refrigerator.
2 "Remington" Typewriters.
1 American Ice Chest.
1 "Morrison" Cottage Piano.
2 Enamelled Baths with Fittings.
1 Oliver Typewriter.
1 Royal Typewriter.
6 Woollen Blankets (New).
1 Roll Endless Felt.

Catalogues will be issued.
On view from Tuesday, the 8th May, 1928.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 2, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY,
the 14th May, 1928,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.
At "Villa Manola," Sassoon Road, (off Victoria Road).

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—

Teak Hatstand, Chesterfield Couch and Chair with Fancy Cretonne Covers, Large and Comfortable Armchairs, Silk and Embroidered Cushions, Silk and Net Curtains, Carpets, Large Satsuma, Porcelain and Lacquer Vases, Lacquer Tea Poys, Brass Ornaments, Marble Busts, Pictures, etc., etc.

Teak Extension Dining Table, Teak Dining Chairs, Teak Sideboard, Teak Glass Cabinets, Tables, Silver and E. P. Ware, Dinner Service, Tea Sets, Electric Ceiling Fans, Brass Standard Lamp with Silk Shades, Electric Lamps and Fittings, Teak Ice Chests, etc., etc.

Teak Bedstead, Teak Wardrobe with Bevelled Glass Doors, Teak Dressing Tables, Chest of Drawers, etc.

Enamelled Bath and Bath Room Requisites.

also

A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture.

and

A Large Cooking Range and Hot Water Tank and Cooking Utensils.

Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Saturday, the 12th May, 1928.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, $1290 sa.
Chartered Bank, £21 b.
Mercantile A. & B., £33½ n.
P. and O. £0¼ n.
East Asia $75 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $680 n.
Union Ins., $342 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 140 n.
Yangtsze Ins., $47 b.
China Underwriters, $2½ b.
China Fires, $215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., $760 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, $40½ s.
H. K. Steamboats, $28½ b.
H. K. Tugs, $2½ s.
Indo-China's, (Def.) $78 b.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Union Waterboats, $20½ b.

Mining.

Bonguets, $2½ n.
Kailans, 60/- n.
Langkats, Tls. $13½ n.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.85 n.
Raubs, $4 n.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, $135 s.
Whampoa Docks, $43 b.
China Providents $5.80 s.
Hongkews, Tls. 159 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 5 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 109 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.25 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 55 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $8½ s.
H. K. Lands, $65½ s.
S'hai Lands Tls. 140 b.
Humphreys, $14½ n.
Realties, $8.25 b.
Territorials, $1 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, $25.20 n.
Peak Trams, (old) $13½ b.
Star Ferries, $64½ s.
China Lights, (Old.) $11.40 s.
H'kong Electrics, $70½ s.
Macao Electrics, $26½ b.
Telephones $4.70 b.
China Buses, Tls. 7½ n.
Singapore Tractions, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, $5.25 s.
Malabons, $24½ n.
Canton Ices, $4 n.
Cements (Comb.) $9½ s.
Ropes (Old) $7½ b.
United Asbestos $10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, $22.75 n.
Watsons, $14 b.
Dor. A. Wing, 50 n.
Lane Crawfords, $3.75 b.
Mackintosh, $22 s.
Sincores, $11 b.
Wm. Powells, $3 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, $29 s.
Constructions, $1½ n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 7½ X. Interest Prem.

LETTER GOLF.

You can't go from brunette to blonde in letter golf, but you can go from DARK to FAIR almost as

easily as you can in the beauty parlour.

D	A	R	K
F	A	I	R

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police state:

H.E. The Governor's Departure.

A Sergeant and 10 Constables of the Chinese Company to be detailed by the O. C. will report at Queen's Pier for patrol duty at 10.30 a.m. sharp on Wednesday, May 9th. Eight members of the Flying Squad will attend as an escort and will report at Central Police Station at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

Training—Part 1.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, May 9th. at 5.30 a.m. sharp for Squad Drill under Sergeant Condon. Dress:—Mufti.

Training—Part 2.

The classes for Instruction in Police Duties and Regulations under Inspector H. J. Paterson will be resumed at the Police Training School (corner of Nathan and Prince Edward Roads, Kowloon) on Thursday, May 10th. at 6.00 p.m. sharp. All members of the Chinese, Indian, and Flying Squad Companies who have passed Part 1, and who have not yet passed Part 2 must attend. Dress:—Mufti.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, May 10th. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Khaki.

Special Patrol Duty.

The following Police Reservists will report at No. 7 Police Station on Friday, May 11th. at 6.45 p.m. sharp for special patrol duty at West Point:—

10 members of the Chinese Company to be detailed by the O. C.

Dress:—Uniform Cap and white cover, Belt (no frog), and Truncheon.

4 members of the Flying Squad to be detailed by the O.C. Dress:—Khaki.

Sharpshooters' Company.

The fortnightly revolver practice will be held at Kennedy Road Range at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday May 16th. Members will assemble on the range with their revolvers, belts and holsters promptly at the hour stated.

(Sd.) W. KENT, A.S.P.,
Adjutant.

BOAT WOMEN CHARGED.

INFANT'S EXPENSIVE CRY.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., two mistresses of passenger junks were charged with having their craft inshore during dark hours.

Both defendants pleaded guilty, the first stating that she had come close in to land her daughter-in-law for the purpose of seeing a midwife.

The second defendant advanced the excuse that her baby had been crying for an hour and she had brought it ashore to quieten it, and would later have pushed off from the sea wall.

A police officer stated that when he boarded the craft of the second defendant, all on board were found to be sound asleep.

"Rather an expensive cry," remarked His Worship, inflicting a fine of $10 with the usual alternative in both cases.

RUMANIAN PRINCE RUMOURS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

M. Jonescu interviewed at one o'clock this morning said they had been in touch telephonically with friends in Rumania and other places on the Continent. The Prince, he said, is ready to return when the country calls him, and if necessary, would strike.

The house in Surrey is strongly guarded by the Police, and it is understood that Scotland Yard detectives have searched the Godstone neighbourhood of Surrey as the result of information that an aeroplane is concealed there.—*Reuter.*

Asked to Leave Britain.

London, May 7.

Following a conference of Home Office and Foreign Office officials to-day it has been decided to ask ex-Crown Prince Carol to leave England.—*Reuter.*

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

Commencing February 24th a Radio Letter Service will be opened for the exchange of Radio Letter Telegrams to the places, and at the rates, given below.

Radio Letter Telegrams are accepted subject to the following conditions:—

1. Minimum delay in delivery, 24 hours.
2. Messages must be written in plain English or plain Spanish. Code addresses may be used. Groups of figures, trade marks, trade terms and trade expressions must be expanded by qualifying words so that messages will offer an intelligible sense to ANYONE reading them.
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San Francisco & Bay Cities	10.80	.54
Other Offices in California & other Pacific States	11.60	.58
Mountain States U.S.	12.20	.61
Central States U.S.	12.60	.63
Eastern States U.S.	13.00	.65
British Columbia 1st Zone only	12.20	.61
Alberta, Saskatchewan & Manitoba	12.60	.63
Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick & Quebec	13.00	.65
Newfoundland	13.80	.69

M. J. BREEN.
POSTMASTER GENERAL.

24th February, 1928.

RADIO NOTICE.

RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICES are now in operation as follows:—Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchowan, Fort Bayard, Tchekam, Hoihow, Amoy and Foochow, etc.

It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced to $1.65 per word. The rate to the Dutch East Indies has been reduced from $1.00 to 90 cents per word as from April 25th, 1928.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUNTER, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swabue and neighbouring places is entirely suspended until further notice.

A direct service to Yunnan Province has been opened 20th April, 1928. The inclusive charge will be 60 cents per word; no charge will be collected from the addressee in Yunnan. The service is, however, liable to interruption owing to atmospheric disturbances and messages are accepted at sender's risk.

The service from GOW Royal Observatory W/T Station is temporarily suspended owing to a breakdown of machinery. Meterological traffic with ships will be worked by VPS Cape D'Aguilar W/T Station on 600 metres. The 300 metres telephony service is suspended until repairs are effected.

The Postal Service to Swabue and neighbouring places has now been resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Saigon	D'Artagnan	May 9.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	May 9.
Europe via Suez letters and papers		
London 12th April and Parcels 5th April	Delta	May 10.
Australia and Manila	Tai Ping	May 11.
Straits	Novara	May 12.
Canada U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	May 14.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Amoy	Chinkiang	Tues., May 8, 4 p.m.
Saigon	Prosper	Tues., May 8, 4 p.m.
Manila	President Jefferson	Tues., May 8, 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	Tues., May 8, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Tjibodas	Tues., May 8, 5 p.m.
Hoihow	Soon Ann	Tues., May 8, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Parcels	8th 5 p.m.
	Empress of Russia	Wed., May 9.
	Registration	9.15 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver, B.C. 27th May.)	
Swatow	Kwongsang	Wed., May 9, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Wed., May 9, 10 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	D'Artagnan	Wed., May 9, 12.30 p.m.
Java via Sourabaya	Tjileboet	Wed., May 9, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Hupeh	Wed., May 9, 2.30 p.m.
Straits	Van Heutsz	Thurs., May 10, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., May 10, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Delta	Thurs., May 10, 3.30 p.m.
Manila and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Adolf von Bayer	Thurs., May 10, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Fri., May 11, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Shantung	Fri., May 11, 5 p.m.
Japan, *Canada *U.S.A., *Central and *South America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Talthybius	Sat., May 12, 10 a.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 5th June.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashgar	Sat., May 12,
		K.P.O.
	Parcels	11th 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	May 12, 9. a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
		G.P.O.
	Parcels	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Registration	May 12, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 9th June).	
Amoy	Anhui	Sat., May 12, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kishu Maru	Sun., May 13, 9 a.m.
Bangkok	Kweiyang	Sun., May 13, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Yuen Sang	Mon., May 14.
	Parcels	Noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
Amoy	Suiyang	Mon., May 14, 4 p.m.
Swatow	Kwai Sang	Tues., May 15, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., May 15, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Tues., May 15, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Yunnan	Tues., May 15, 5 p.m.
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	Registration	9.00 a.m.
	Letters	10.00 a.m.
		G.P.O.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 13th June)	
Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	Wed., May 16, 2.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tean	Thurs., May 17, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Parcels	May 17, 5 p.m.
	Tai Ping	Fri., May 18,
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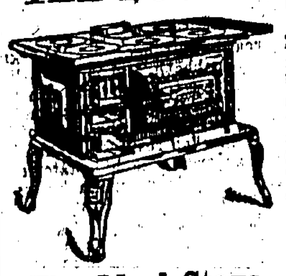

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TO-DAY'S FILMS.

"THE ACE OF CADS" AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Adolphe Menjou, who is often spoken of as being the best dressed man on the screen, has a dual role—that of villain and hero—in "The Ace of Cads," Paramount's latest picture which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The story is by Michael Arlen, the famous British author of "The Green Hat," and the cast includes no fewer than six British actors. Adolphe Menjou plays the part of a dissolute young guard's lieutenant, who, having reformed for love of a woman, is betrayed by a false friend. He comes back twenty years later only to kill a second love that the first may live. The plot then takes a distinctly unusual turn, and great skill is shown by Luther Reed, the director, in the working out of the complicated situation. The picture has actual outdoor scenes of London, Paris and the parade of a Guard's Regiment, and, although an American production, conveys an excellent British atmosphere throughout. Supporting Adolphe Menjou is Alice Joyce, another favourite, while other members of the cast include Norman Trevor and Philip Strange.

Secret Service Drama.

With Blanche Sweet as the heroine and no fewer than four leading men, the screen version of the play by Victorien Sardon, "Diplomacy," will be the new picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The leading men are Neil Hamilton, Matt Moore, Arthur Edmund Carew and Earle Williams. The story opens in Deauville, Europe's fashionable pleasure resort, where an international conference of diplomats is taking place. The plots and intrigues of the secret agents of different countries, each one striving to secure an important document, make the picture extremely interesting and gives a remarkable insight into the methods of the secret services of various countries. Throughout the picture there runs the romance of a young couple, an attache of the British Embassy and an English girl who are unwilling pawns in the hazardous game of international politics.

"The Sap" At World.

A lad who has been pampered all his life by his mother is the central figure in "The Sap," which comes to the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. During the war, the mother's boy is drafted to France, and through a mistake he is credited with having effected the capture of twenty-two of the enemy and is decorated for his supposed bravery. Back home he is acclaimed as a hero until the town bully steps in and reveals the fact that the lad is a coward. After many humiliations and struggles, however, he finally vindicates himself in a terrific fight with the bully. Kenneth Harlan is ably supported by an excellent cast which includes Mary McAllister, David Butler, and Heinie Conklin.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending April 28 gives the following incidence of plague.—Suez two cases, Aden 34, (30 deaths), Bassein one death, Bombay 19 deaths, Rangoon three deaths, Bangkok one case. Two infected rats were found at Cheribon. The following cases of cholera were notified.—Bassein six deaths, Calcutta 105, Madras four, Moulmein four, Rangoon five, Tuticorin, 19 cases, ten deaths, Pondicherry two deaths, Singapore one death, Bangkok 24 cases (14 deaths), Saigon 23, (12 deaths). Cases and deaths from small pox were Basrah one, (five deaths), Bombay 54, (27 deaths), Calcutta 31, (21 deaths), Madras 60, (seven deaths), Moulmein 8, (seven deaths), Negapatam 5, (eight deaths), Rangoon 37, (twelve deaths), Tuticorin 1, Pondicherry 5, Shanghai (three deaths), Osaka 9, Shimonoseki 1, Moukden 1, Dairen 6, Changchun 1.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Wives & Chintz Destroyers.

[By Jane Ramsay-Kerr.]

"He gives me good advice—but if I give good advice, I nag! It's not fair." A young wife recently expressed her views in this fashion, adding that it was hard that any criticism she received from her husband should be called "wise counsel" while her words to him were condemned as "nagging."

"Don't nag" is considered to be one of the golden rules for wives, and yet—men being what they are, indispensable and charming, but often poorly endowed with common sense—what are women to do about it? After all, we are in charge of the creatures. If they drink port when they know that it gives them gout, refuse to change their damp boots, put down wet tumblers on the best polished tables, and commit other follies and crimes, are they never to be told of their misdeeds? Must we hold the forbearing angel pose indefinitely; nurse them out of their gout-and-through their chins, and polish the tables after them without a word of reproof? It seems rather a counsel of perfection.

The truth is that "nagging" is not exactly giving good advice. It is protesting continually against habits which cannot be changed—and that is why it does no good.

Feminine Tact.

Feminine wit and tact can manage a man to a very considerable extent—but their empire has certain distinct boundaries—and the woman with good wifely technique knows by intuition which masculine habits can be cured and which must be endured.

You can reform a man from vice—but you cannot make him treat the household gods with respect if he is not built that way, nor will you succeed in inducing him to abandon boyish carelessness if he has not done so by the age of 30.

For instance, if you are unlucky enough to have a husband who is a chintz destroyer—you must put up with him. Whatever action you take he will continue to loll about in the Chesterfields until they look as if their loose covers had been worried by mad dogs, but unless you want your chintzes to last longer than your married life you'll refrain from chatting about it, or rushing at the chair and smoothing its cover out as soon as the master has risen from its depths. You may more easily cure a man of gambling than stop him from putting wet tumblers down on the polished mahogany, and many husbands infinitely prefer having a cold or an attack of gout to being asked to change their clothes or to refrain from the port.

That's the whole truth of "nagging." It's trying to shake a man out of tiresome habits which are part of him—not just giving him good counsel about a single slip, mistake, or crime.

Topics and Trifles.

At one time it was not "the thing" to show yourself outside your own room in an hotel without a hat even at breakfast time. Only people who "didn't know" did it. And hats were worn by hostesses at luncheons and even tea-parties—if these were in the least formal. It was Queen Mary who struck the first blow at this really absurd convention. Now women discard their hats during the day even in the smartest restaurants if they feel inclined.

Veils.

You might imagine that the coming of the veil would alter that—but veils to-day are fixtures on the hats. The modern girl would never stand the bother of taking off a veil and, worse still, having to put it on again, tie it behind, pin it into position, and so on, as her grandmother did! A good many milliners use veils merely as trimming. The most popular mode at the moment is to let it fall just over the eyes, loop it up on the brim, and then let the ends fall down like ear-pieces.

Ear Pieces.

The vogue for covering the ears with side pieces to the hat has brought about another new fashion. Hats of velvet or taffetas or felt are given ear-pieces of imitation semi-precious stones to form little swinging plaques at the side. Rose quartz and jade and lapislazuli are all used for different coloured hats.

Crystal Beads.

If you want a new necklace, either a long one or a choker, get crystal beads and mix them with something else. Cornelian and crystal necklaces were given to the ten bridesmaids at one wedding recently and rose quartz chokers at another.

For the Bride's Home.

A piece of furniture useful and convenient in a much lived-in lounge or sitting room is the book table. It is quite a new idea, but it will not be at variance with the spirit of your older possessions. It is circular, and the table-top is supported on the bookcase sections which are four, and placed at right angles to each other. This means that each angle gives a space below the table at which folks may sit in comfort with plenty of knee room. So it will serve as a writing, tea or card table, at the same time as it accommodates the books from the library and the current magazines and journals.

The beautiful Charlotte Hanna, daughter of Mrs. Stuart Hanna and granddaughter of the late Mark Hanna of Cleveland, recently became the bride of Richard Hume of Washington.

Sequin Scarves.

FOR WOMEN WHO WANT TO SHINE.

Net scarves for evening wear, thickly sewn with hundreds of glittering sequins, are among the novelty fashions for the summer, and are typical of the fashionable woman's inclination to shine more than she has done for several years.

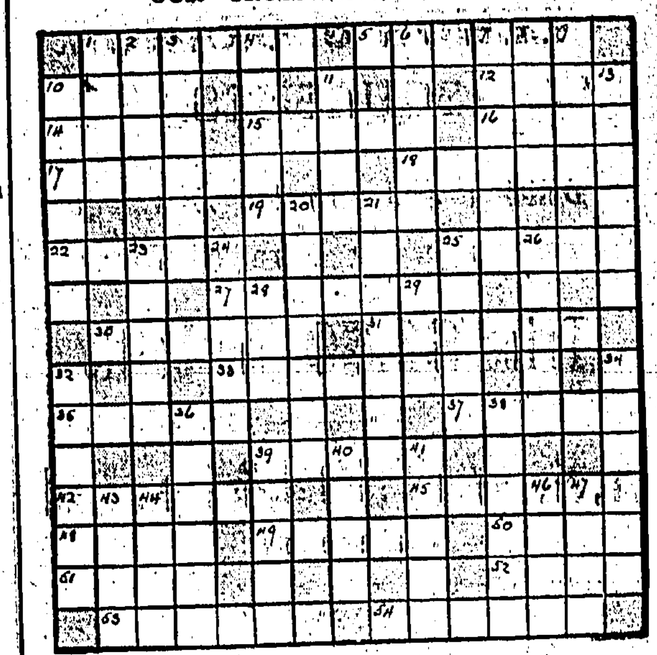
The triangular scarf, which is carrying all before it for daytime wear, also leads in this direction. One attractive scarf was covered thickly with square and circular sequins in gold and silver, and was worn so that the point of the triangle fell deeply over the right shoulder. It was wrapped up round the neck and the ends looped through on the left shoulder.

Other examples of these sequin-sewn scarves are made in shaded colours—silvery sequins shading through all the mauve tones up to deep night purple or all the pastel shades of the dawn sky worked into a riot of gentle colour on a triangle of net.

Sequins, are very much "in," and the all-over sequin scarf is only one example of the mode. A considerable number of long straight-ended scarves also are sequin-trimmed, especially black models. A black chiffon scarf, very wide and long, worn in the evening at the theatre, was heavily embroidered with moonlight blue and black sequins at either end.

Sequin-trimmed evening dresses are also being worn.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



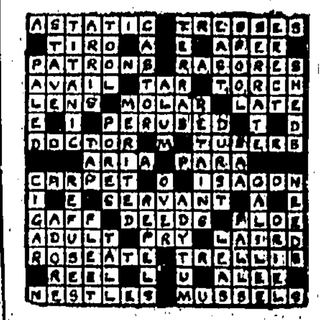
Across

1 Species of pine.
5 Impure opaque coloured quartz.
10 Drill a hole in.
12 Second vertebra of the neck.
14 Leave out.
15 Pertaining to the country.
16 Space.
17 Encompass.
18 Dentifrice.
19 Slumbered.
22 Islands.
25 Pretence.
27 Polish round dance.
30 Uncivilized.
31 Erase.
33 Military firearms.
35 Twitch.
37 Come after.
39 One who believes in the supreme being.
42 Dome.
45 In the same place.
48 Brink.
49 Metal tag.
50 Margin.
51 Mend.
52 Added.
53 Deadly.
54 Diminish.

Down.

1 A fow.
2 Conceited fellow.
3 Withdraw.
4 Congulated parts of milk.
6 Assign.
7 Word of honour.
8 Four officers of the yeomen of the Royal Guards.
9 Uproar.
10 Reel.
11 Not held.
13 Glossy.
20 Rectilineal figure with four equal sides.
21 Remissions of penalties.
23 Bequeath.
24 Slap.
25 Not true.
26 Stress on an accented syllable.
28 Turkish commander.
29 To know.
32 Wearing a stole.
34 Thought.
36 Approach.
38 Sounds.
39 Dramatic composition.
40 Internally.
41 A claim.
43 Freehold (Orkney).
44 Mythical monster.
46 Ditch.
47 Garden.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



MISS GLEITZE'S SWIM.

HER VIEW ON ABSENCE OF ENGLISH WITNESSES.

Miss Mercedes Gleitze arrived in London recently after her swim across the Straits of Gibraltar. She was dressed in a fawn fur-trimmed coat, pink and brown hat, and wore a necklace, bracelets and gold earrings.

When she stepped from the train at Victoria she was surrounded by a thousand men and women admirers, who waved hats, sticks, and parasols, cheered her to the echo, slapped her on the back, grasped her hand, and generally overwhelmed her.

"I had 60 or 70 witnesses accompanying me in the boats," she said, "and the fact that there is no English witness can only, in my opinion, increase the validity of my swim, because the Spaniards would on no account have given the honour of the achievement to Great Britain had there been the slightest doubt regarding the swim."

"My plan for the moment," she said, "is to reimburse my fund for destitute men and women after the expenses I have had at Tangier. My Gibraltar swim has cost £150 to £200."

She added that she will start training immediately, and may attempt to swim from England to France—which no woman has yet done—and the Hellespont, and go on the halls or films.

AMAZING SCENE IN COMMONS.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

London, Apr. 4.

There was an amazing scene in the House of Commons to-day, during the debate on the evils of the syndication of the Press.

Mr. Snell (Labour) was expressing the opinion that journalists, by banding together could protect themselves, when a man in the strangers' gallery jumped up and shouted, "I can give that protection." He then leaped the barrier and came crashing down into the Peers' gallery, which runs the length of the Chamber, at right angles to and below the strangers' gallery. The man was apparently on the point of jumping down to the floor of the House when attendants seized him, after a violent struggle. Other attendants rushed up and after further struggling the interrupter was carried out.

The man was overpowered in the nick of time, as he appeared to be about to fling himself headlong into the Chamber. He was carried out and examined by Dr. Vernon Davies, a member of the House of Commons, who gave the opinion that he was suffering from acute neurasthenia. He was taken by ambulance to the Westminster Hospital where he gave the name of Edward Charles Humphreys (32).

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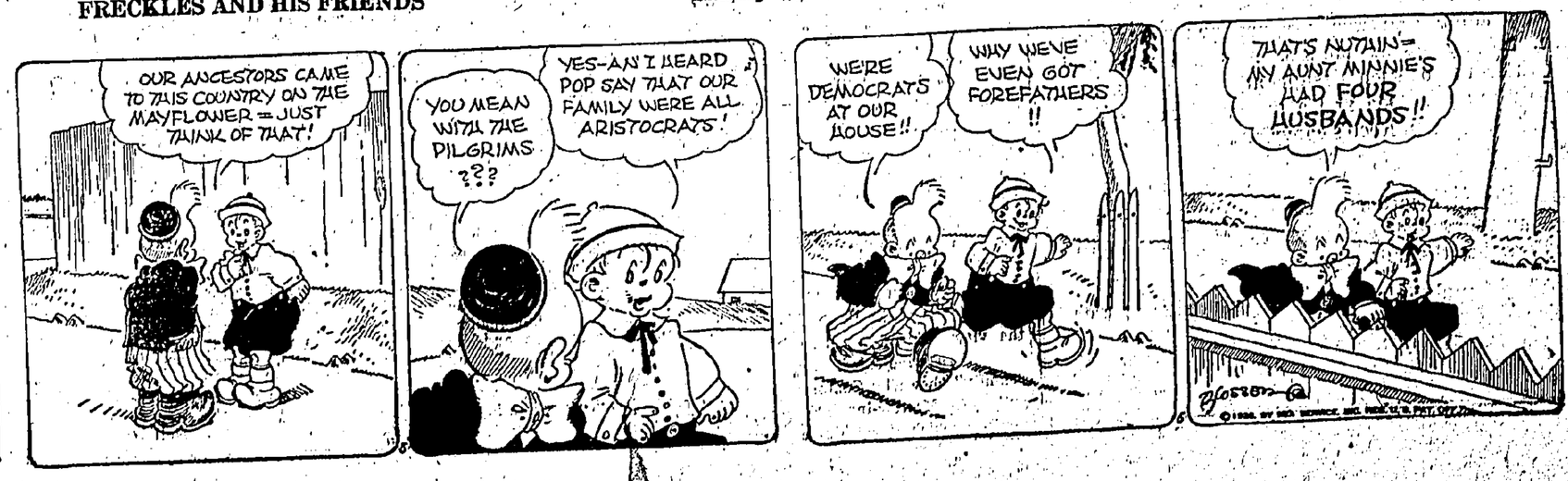

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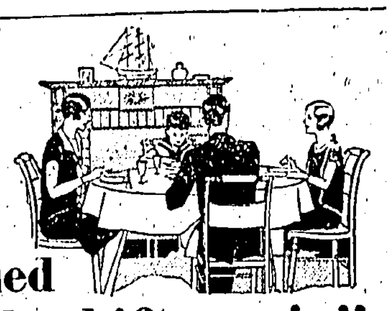

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MARRIAGE.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1928.

BON VOYAGE.

The whole Colony will, we are sure, join with us in wishing His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi, who leave for Home to-morrow, a happy and beneficial holiday in the Old Country. It is a fortunate circumstance that Sir Cecil is able to lay down the reins of office at a time when the Colony's relations with its neighbours are on a much sounder and more friendly footing than they have been for some years past, and when the general outlook for Hongkong shows a vast improvement as compared with the day of his arrival here in the latter part of 1925. The very fact that he is being granted leave at this juncture may be taken as an indication of his own and the Imperial Government's view that the situation here may now be regarded as thoroughly composed. Granted the occurrence of no unforeseen events, His Excellency should, on his return early next year, find that the promise of peaceful progress has been in every way fulfilled. He, with the community in general, will hope that that may be so.

But for a brief break last autumn, when, incidentally, he utilised much of his holiday in seeking to improve Anglo-Chinese relations, His Excellency has kept his nose well to the grindstone during the past two years. As a keen admirer of the Chinese and a man who loved the Colony in which he spent the early years of his official career, Sir Cecil Clementi was intensely grieved on taking over the Governorship to find that the traditional friendship between Hongkong and Canton had broken down. Stern as his attitude was to the Canton boycott leaders, however, he was never under any misapprehension as to the precise character of the rift. He refused to believe that the Chinese were, at heart, any other than friends of the British, taking the view, which has since been thoroughly vindicated, that the "enmity" shown by Canton was an artificial, Moscow-inspired movement in which the Chinese were made the tools of unscrupulous propagandists. We all know how Sir Cecil laboured, in season and out of season, for a reconciliation, and how finally his efforts were brought to full fruition. It is in large measure due to his unwavering faith and patient energies that the barriers between Hongkong and Canton have been broken down and a happy rapprochement secured with Marshal Li Chai-sum's Administration. If he had done nothing else than this, His Excellency's two years of office could be regarded as providing brilliant testimony to his abilities as an administrator. For peace between Hongkong and Canton is of the very first importance. But not alone in this regard has Sir Cecil Clementi shown a deep sincerity of purpose and high devotion to the interests of the Colony. These characteristics have marked all his activities. With some of his policies on the Colony's internal problems, we have not seen eye to eye with His Excellency; nor can we at all times appreciate his inflexibility. But that he is always animated by what he believes to be the greatest good of the greatest number, and that the well-being of the whole Colony is his one aim, can never be questioned.

Not only by the foreign community, but by the Chinese population as well, will Sir Cecil be missed during his leave. Indeed, it has been said that the admiration of the Chinese for His Excellency amounts to a very real love; we can well believe it. And we know of no higher tribute which could be paid to a Governor of Hongkong than that. Whilst he is at Home, Sir Cecil will, we may be sure, place the Hongkong viewpoint, on many issues, before the Imperial authorities, and we can well leave these matters in his capable hands. It is, however, mainly to relax after the strenuous period through which he has passed that he now takes leave of us. In the social life attaching to his high office, His Excellency has had a graceful consort in Lady Clementi, who has been a charming hostess at Government House and has shown the liveliest interest in all manner of good works here. In this connexion, her ladyship's practical concern for the happiness of Service men cannot be overlooked. To His Excellency and Lady Clementi we wish *bon voyage*, at the same time entertaining the hope that they will in due time both return in renewed health and strength to resume their life and work amongst us.

The Corps Colours.

New status and dignity has been conferred upon the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps in the honour bestowed by His Majesty the King, who graciously consented to the gift to the unit of a King's Colour and Regimental Colour. As a tribute to and fitting reward for loyal service extending over a period of 66 years, it is an honour of which the Officers and men may justly be proud. The presentation ceremony performed by His Excellency the Governor, was, we believe, unique in that it is the first occasion historically recorded when a battalion has received its Colours in this Colony, while the Corps may also be congratulated on being one of extremely few Volunteer Corps similarly favoured. Colours are integrally associated with tradition, and though the H.K.V.D.C. has, and needs, no battle honours with which to adorn its Regimental standard, its excellent record of service to the community bears the stamp of a tradition fully recognised and appreciated within and without the Corps. It was indeed a happy thought which inspired the act of the ladies of Hongkong, led by Lady Clementi, in defraying the cost of preparing and embroidering the Colours, and the Corps has not been slow to appreciate this sign of the interest of the ladies in its well-being. Sir Cecil Clementi's concluding remarks when making the presentation are well worth repetition: May these colours wave above you as the outward and visible ensigns of honour and patriotism, and stir you as men are still stirred by those wonderful words of Homer which ring through the ages as a trumpet call:—"One ensign is best of all, the defence of the fatherland."

DAY BY DAY.

BE NOT DIVERTED FROM YOUR DUTY BY ANY IDLE REFLECTIONS THE SILLY WORLD MAY MAKE UPON YOU, FOR THEIR CENSURES ARE NOT IN YOUR POWER, AND CONSEQUENTLY SHOULD NOT BE ANY PART OF YOUR CONCERN.—*Epictetus.*

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The P. and O. s.s. Novara, from Singapore, is due here at 6 a.m. on Saturday.

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The Ben Line s.s. Benclcuch, from Home and Straits ports, is due here on Friday.

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The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 7th May at 7.30 a.m.

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The Empress of Canada, which left Hongkong on the 18 April, arrived at Vancouver on the 6th May.

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Invitations have been issued for a reception at Government House on the night of June 4th, in connexion with the birthday of His Majesty the King.

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A change took place on April 9 in the post of Flag-Lieutenant to the Commander-in-Chief at Plymouth, Lieutenant-Commander K. H. Grant, late executive officer of the cruiser Carlisle in China, having taken it over.

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The engagement is announced between Mr. Wilfred Pryor, of Tientsin, and Miss Dorothy Gertrude King, daughter of Mr. H. F. King, H.B.M. Consul at Tsingtao, and Mrs. King. The marriage will take place at Tsingtao in August.

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Mr. D. F. Robertson, of the D. F. Robertson Travel Bureau, Los Angeles, will arrive in Hongkong on May 19th on the s.s. President Wilson, on his eighth tour around the world. Mr. Robertson is conducting a party of thirty-three Californians, on a five months' cruise.

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H.M.S. Kent, the last of the five cruisers of the 1924 programme, was ordered to proceed to Portsmouth from April 19 to May 1. The Kent, Captain J. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., will be ready for service about July next, and is to go to China to relieve the Hawkins as flagship of the Commander-in-Chief.

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Among the departures for Home by the s.s. Empress of Russia sailing to-morrow is Lieut.-Col. Sir Victor A. F. Mackenzie, Bart., D.S.O., M.V.O., the popular officer commanding 2nd Battalion Scots Guards stationed at Shamshuipo. Major E. C. T. Warner, D.S.O., M.C., will take over the command of the Battalion.

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Lieut.-Col. R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O., who was the commanding officer of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment, left for Home by the s.s. Empress of Canada recently. The new officer commanding is Lieut.-Col. H. C. Ponsonby, D.S.O., M.C., who has already sailed from Home and is expected to arrive in Hongkong early next month.

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When Toni Fumio, a Japanese, residing at Hampstead, was charged at Folkestone on April 5 with attempting to smuggle a camera and a pair of opera glasses, a Customs officer stated that after Fumio's arrival by the boat from Boulogne a search of his baggage revealed a pair of opera glasses in the toe of a patent leather shoe. He was fined £20.

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The Bureau of Public Safety in Canton recently sent men to Hongkong to purchase six motorcycles for the use of the Department. These machines will be used by the senior officers of the police force on patrol work, and regular patrols will be maintained. The service will shortly be started, and particular attention will be devoted to maintaining public order in the city outskirts.

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William Hi (53), the Chinese chief steward of the s.s. Benclough, was fined £150 or six months' imprisonment at Thames Police Court on April 5 on charges of importing and concealing 56 revolvers and 5,400 cartridges. Hi, denying the charges, said he was of Chinese origin, but was a Siamese subject. The magistrate said he would recommend Hi for deportation.

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It is expected that the next change to be notified in the composition of the squadrons on foreign stations will be the relief of the Lowestoft, of the Sixth Cruiser Squadron, Africa Station, by the Carlisle, now in the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, China. The Carlisle, Captain G. W. Hallifax, is under orders to return to England on being relieved by the new cruiser Suffolk, Captain Neil O'Neill.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Fed-Up" Soldiers.

[To the Editor, *Hongkong Telegraph.*]

Sir,—Replying to the letter in last evening's issue re the "fed-up soldier," I would like to state that it didn't take "Old Soke" long to get "fed-up" and purchase his discharge. From 1884 to 1886 isn't such a very long time after all, and soon goes out East.

The hardships "Old Soke" suffered in that period must have been nothing short of torture. Fancy not being allowed west of Central Market! And the only road being Kennedy Road in all those long and dreary years!

Of course, Ullmann's hadn't started then, or they might have brightened up the place a bit for him.

Furthermore, I know a soldier in Hongkong with over two years' service who heartily wishes himself back in jolly Old England, and I think that the officer of to-day compares very favourably indeed with any of the officers of the past.—Yours, etc.,

99 ("TOP OF THE HOUSE").

Hongkong, May 8th, 1928.

Not Forgotten.

Sir,—It may be a matter of interest to some of your readers and will be to others both here and in China to know that at the unveiling of the Memorial to the Chinese in the service of the British Government who died through enemy action in the Great War, the Chinese Labour Corps B. E. F. was not forgotten. A wreath was laid by the writer at the base of one of the pillars with a card attached bearing the following inscription: "To the Memory of the Chinese Members of the Chinese Labour Corps, who lost their lives in the War."

At the time of the repatriation of the Chinese, there were dotted throughout the North of France and Flanders the graves of Chinese who died in the service of Great Britain and at Novelles-Sur-Mer was a cemetery containing the graves of many others. It was the intention to collect and bury in this cemetery all who were buried elsewhere, each grave was to have a granite tombstone bearing the name of the deceased and the date of his death. The work was to be carried out under the Imperial War Graves Commission by skilled engravers members of the Chinese Labour Corps who had elected to remain in France for the purpose. Enclosing my card.—Yours, etc.,

LATE DEPUTY ADVISER, H. Q. C. L. C.

Hongkong, May 8th, 1928.

AFTER 38 YEARS.

CHIEF ENGINEER LEAVING FOR HOME.

The seafaring community will regret to hear of the impending retirement of Mr. John Andrews, Chief Engineer of s.s. Lyeemoon, the recently acquired vessel of the Wo Fat Sing Company.

Mr. Andrews has been on the coast for the past 38 years and was the last manager of Messrs. Geo. Fenwick and Co. As a former Lieutenant in the Volunteers he will be remembered by a large number of the old-timers in the Colony.

For the past eight years he has been with the Wo Fat Sing Company and on his signing off this morning, after the maiden trip of the Lyeemoon, he was the recipient of a token of esteem from his brother deck and engineer officers of the Company. The presentation took the form of a case of silver plate and Mr. Brown appeared to be greatly touched by the expressions of appreciation voiced.

The retiring officer will take up residence in Aberdeen, Scotland, where his wife and family now reside. It is understood that he sails for Home at the end of the week.

His appointment in the s.s. Lyeemoon has been taken up by Mr. J. Hayes, formerly Second Engineer of the vessel.

DREDGER DISASTER.

NINETEEN MISSING AFTER ACCIDENT.

New York, May 7.

The Government dredger "Navesink" working in the channel off Staten Island to-day was rammed and sunk by a steamer.

Nineteen of the crew are missing owing to the rapidity with which the dredger filled.—*Reuter's American Service.*

According to a report made to the police by Mr. J. Wiltshire, a bailiff of the Supreme Court, an electric fan valued at $25 was stolen from the Puisne Judge's Court between noon on Friday and 10 a.m. yesterday.

The Very Idea!

Old John was a staunch believer in regular attendance at the kirk on the Sabbath, and it was a lifelong regret to him that he was never able to induce his ancient crony, Tam, to see the error of his ways in that respect. Tam had had, according to his statements, "owre muckle o't when he wis a wean," and had got a "scunner" in consequence.

In a fit of enthusiasm one Saturday evening, Tam at last promised his old friend to put in an appearance, and on the following morning duly turned up at the church door and was shown to a seat by his delighted old friend.

John cocked a wary eye from time to time at the backslider during the service, and was happy to note that Tam was lending a careful ear.

Outside the kirk, after the service, up bustled old John. "Noo, Tam, wis that no' a grand instructive message?"

"Ou, aye!" responded Tam, noncommittally. "There wis ae thing I learnt about thae waesome ceeties Sodom an' Gomorrah. I aye thocht a' ma days thit Sodom an Gomorrah were man an' wife!"

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This stone's over the body of Tommy Mutch,
At breakneck speed he broke his clutch.

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Wood Green magistrates waited patiently for twenty-five minutes recently for Mrs. May Elizabeth Goldring, of Newnham-road, Wood Green, to say if she wished to be dealt with summarily or whether she wished her case to come before a jury.

She and her husband, Arthur Goldring, were summoned for treating their child in a negligent manner and causing unnecessary suffering. Goldring pleaded "Not guilty," and asked the court to deal with him summarily.

The matron informed the Bench that Mrs. Goldring refused to open her mouth at all, and was maintaining a "dumb strike." The court officer, the husband, the matron, and a sister of the woman all pleaded with her to answer, without avail.

She was eventually remanded in custody for a week.

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Nottingham husband: My wife greeted me sweetly by throwing the sugar basin.

Solicitor at Bow County Court: How fast was the motor-car going? Man: You know what a flash of lightning is—well just like that.

Question at Shoreditch County Court: Is your wife to give evidence? Man: No, I would rather tell my own tale.

Policeman at the Guildhall, of a man summoned for four motoring offences: When I told him that he would be summoned he replied, "And I should apply also for a summons against me for having a red nose."

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Sammy did not turn up at school until the afternoon. When, however, he did arrive, he entered with none of the usual signs of guilt; instead, he wore the expression of one who had achieved something great.

"Now, Sammy, what excuse have you for being absent this morning?" demanded the teacher.

"I was helpin' the police," said the boy, while a gasp of envy went round the class.

"Now be careful, Sammy; tell the truth," cautioned the teacher.

"Well, I was helping the police," said Sammy proudly. "Just as I was coming to school this morning, I was crossing the High Street, and up comes a policeman, and he says—'Now, my little man, mind the steam-roller.' So I minded it, sir."

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Confectioners in England aren't happy. Barbers, however, are feeling prosperous, for the cost of *shingling has resulted* in a general falling off of the consumption of chocolates. "Women," says a Hull chocolate factory man, "now spend two shillings (fifty cents) a week on their hair which previously they spent on chocolates."

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Tourist (to Irishmen in a church)—"Why is the bell ringing, my man?"

Irishman—"Cause I'm pulling the rope."

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Publicity is the very soul of justice.—Lord Justice Sankey.

If we are to stem the torrent of crime we must not rely on Judges, however good they are.—Judge Atherley Jones.

There are many "rough diamonds" among manual workers who, if given the opportunity, would greatly enrich our art treasures.—Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P.

It is learned that Mr. T. Jones sailed in the s.s. Chuen Chow as master yesterday, *vice* Mr. F. W. Jones deceased, while the appointment of Chief Officer was given to Mr. Smith, late of the Steamboat Company and the s.s. Seistan.

OUR UNIVERSITY DEFENDED.

MR HORNELL ANSWERS THE CRITICS.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS A RECORD.

MAKES WIDER APPEAL.

It is disclosed in the annual report of the University of Hongkong that the past year closed with an increase in the number of students of 327, which is a record. Of these, 37 are women.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, the Vice-Chancellor, in the course of his report answers in a spirited manner the critics of the University, pointing out that the total cost to the taxpayer of Hongkong is £5,000 a year, which is less than ten per cent. of the University's total annual expenditure.

The First M.A.

Of 294 students on the rolls on December 31st last, 15 were external students. They were distributed as follows:—Faculty of Medicine, 150; Faculty of Engineering, 54; Faculty of Arts, 90.

Forty-three students graduated at the end of 1927—17 in the Medical Faculty, 10 in Engineering and 16 in Arts. Mr. Harry Hong Sling has the distinction of being the first M.A. of the University. In his report on the thesis submitted by Mr. Harry Hong Sling for his degree, Dr. L. G. Stamp, Sir Ernest Cassell Reader in the University of London, wrote as follows:—"I am of the opinion that the thesis on the Economic effect of Trans-Pacific Policies is easily up to the standard required for the thesis of degree of M.A. of the University of London."

The Finances.

The total income for the year amounted to $529,387.70; this sum being made up as follows:—

Endowments	$242,927.22
Tuition Fees	111,487.00
Government Grant ..	50,000.00
Donations	37,828.13
Others sources	87,145.35
	$529,387.70

The total expenditure amounted to $532,706.31. The year therefore closed with a deficit of $3,318.61 which is more than accounted for by the fact that a large and unforeseen expenditure had to be incurred in reconditioning the electrical system of the University during the year under review.

Unpaid Chinese Bills.

Mr. Hornell concludes the report as follows:

Since the year under review closed the number of students in the University has risen to 327 which is a record. No less than 37 of these students are women. Fewer students are coming to the University from Malay (this is inevitable owing to educational developments in Singapore) and present conditions are all against students coming to Hongkong in any great number from China.

The University is still educating, housing and feeding six students who came here years ago as scholars sent to the University by various Chinese Governments. The unpaid bill of these Chinese Government Scholarships amounts to no less than $117,717.

But the University is now appealing to a far wider public circle in Hongkong, while in Shanghai its reputation stands high. The University is also attracting students, especially medical students, from the Philippine Islands. What is true of a prophet is true also of a University, and there are still in Hongkong critics (plenty of them) who regard the University as a futile piece of foolish extravagance and take every opportunity of proclaiming this view. If such critics were to try and close the University, they would probably find a good deal of local opposition possibly in quarters where they least expected it.

Degrees at Modest Cost.

After all there are plenty of people in Hongkong who are not rich, and it is something that the local resident, of whatever race, who is finding it a hard struggle to live and to do the best for his children, can send his son or daughter to the University of Hongkong to acquire there for a comparatively modest fee a medical degree, for example, which is recognised by the General Medical Council of Great Britain and Ireland. And the total cost of the University to the tax-payer of Hongkong is £5,000 a year, and this contribution represent less than 10% of University's total annual expenditure.

The difficulties which confront the further development of the University (and no University can stand still) are tremendous. It could scarcely be otherwise; for the University was founded on an exceedingly slender financial basis and is situated in the midst of all those peculiar perplexities which beset this Colony's very existence. But its roots are growing stronger and deeper and the University will not easily be uprooted.

TRAFFIC CASES IN COURT.

EUROPEAN LADY PROSECUTES DRIVER.

RECKLESS DRIVING.

A number of traffic cases, in which Europeans were concerned, were heard before Major C. Willson this morning.

Mrs. N. White, who, as reported some time ago, was knocked down and seriously injured by a public car in Queen's Road East, appeared to substantiate a charge of reckless driving against the driver of the car.

It was stated that the delay caused to the proceedings was due to difficulty in locating the defendant.

On the man's stating that he was going along at a speed of under ten miles an hour before the occurrence of the accident,—a statement which was construed as a plea of not guilty—evidence was proceeded with.

Lady's Evidence.

Mrs. White said that on the morning of Good Friday, she was leaving her home to get a tram to come up to town. She had proceeded as far as the Wanchai Post Office, when two cars were seen to make for the direction of the racecourse. As she stopped to let them pass, she was knocked down without any warning by a third car going in the opposite direction. She did not remember anything after that, until she was lifted into a car. She had been under medical treatment since.

The summons was adjourned for the defendant to call a witness.

Motor Cyclist Charged.

Mr. G. W. Cooper, of the Dairy Farm, was summoned for driving his motor-cycle in a dangerous manner. He pleaded not guilty.

Traffic Sergeant Baker deposed that he was at the junction of Spring Garden Lane and Queen's Road East when the defendant appeared, riding on a motor-cycle at the rate of between 25 and 30 miles an hour, being accompanied by a second motor-cycle. He followed them as far as the Murray Barracks. There he stopped the defendant and told him that he would be summoned for dangerous driving.

Defendant then replied that he had no speedometer and did not know at what speed he was going.

While the two machines were passing through Wanchai, there was a big crowd of many thousands in the street, which was a narrow one. It was Saturday night and many people were going into the Grand Theatre when the defendant drove by.

Mr. Cooper, in reply to the charge, stated he had come down from Kennedy Road, and was the whole time following another motor-cycle, but did not pass it. Also, in front of that cycle, there was a motor-car, and he wanted to know why all four were not summoned. If there had been many thousands of people in the street, how was it that he did not knock one of them down, going at the speed of 30 miles an hour as was alleged?

Other Cyclist Wanted.

Sergeant Baker said he did not see the car mentioned by defendant, but he had summoned the driver of the other motor-cycle. He was Mr. D. Thompson, who worked in the Dairy Farm together with the defendant.

Inspector Alexander then explained that he had been requested to arrange it so that only Mr. Cooper need attend the Court, as it was found impossible to have both men taken away from their work at the same time.

His Worship, however, required the presence of Mr. Thompson in Court and intimated that he would adjourn both summonses and hear them together next week.

Passed on Wrong Side.

Summoned for passing another vehicle on the left-hand side, Mr. C. D. Wright, who was riding a motor-cycle in Queen's Road East on April 20th, complained of the lack of courtesy on the part of the driver of a motor-car which was hindering his passage.

The motor-car, defendant stated, was astride the tram-tracks, and it was his experience that the driver in the front car would not make way for him. After sounding his horn, he slipped past the car, there being ample room for that purpose.

That night he was in a hurry, having a dinner appointment, and having changed to evening dress, he did not have his licence with him.

Defendant was fined $10 for passing the car and a further $4 for failing to produce his licence.

Reckless Driving.

Jonio Giovanni, a Fiat engineer was summoned for reckless driving.

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BRITISH ATTITUDE TO CHINESE.

SOME EXAGGERATIONS REFUTED.

OUTSPOKEN RETORT TO HOME CORRESPONDENT.

REAL FRIENDSHIP.

Sir Edward Pearce, Mr. E. F. Mackay, Mr. A. Brooke Smith and Mr. H. G. Simms, former members of the Shanghai Municipal Council and of the Committee of the Shanghai British Chamber of Commerce, make a joint reply in a recent issue of *The New Statesman* to a correspondent who wrote to that journal regarding the attitude of Britishers in China towards the Chinese. Their letter is as follows:

In your issue of March 17 a correspondent in China, signing himself "J. D.," gives his impression of the attitude of the English towards the Chinese among whom they live. He anticipates that what he writes may seem a gross exaggeration to anyone who has not been in China. To those who have been in China it certainly is.

"Class" Suggestion Refuted.

He begins by describing the average Englishman going out to China as a person with the one idea of making his pile and returning home with enough money and influence to put him in a class above the one he would have been in if he had gone into business in his own country. "J. D." appears to be an outstanding example of a type of person obsessed with a feeling of class inferiority, and looks with a jealous eye on those enjoying a society from which he is for some reason barred. It must be admitted that the average Englishman goes out to China to make money, but we refute the class suggestion, for such a thing never enters his head, since as a rule he is quite innocent of class consciousness.

"J. D." then describes the Englishman's first six months in China. He is told that the Chinese are queer people, but as they are useful he is advised to keep in with "these Chinks." Further, that his initiation into foreign community life consists of going to clubs, hotels, cabarets, cinemas and places of vice, and driving his motor-car through evil-smelling Chinese quarters where the native is too stupid to get out of his way.

Long Office Hours.

"J. D." seems to ignore the main reason why Englishmen are sent to China. We would remind him that usually British firms send them out to work, and that they often have to work longer hours than in this country. Their spare time is taken up with outdoor games, and, of course, in a comparatively small community club life plays an important part.

"J. D." then comes to the question why the English so detest the Chinese. This is a most extraordinary assumption. In no other part of the world have individuals of two nations formed stronger or more lasting friendships. Those of us who left China after many years' residence still keep in touch with our old Chinese friends. We retain

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ATTEMPTED GAOL ESCAPE.

PRISONER CAUGHT IN THE COMPOUND.

SENTENCED TO-DAY.

It is not generally known that, following the recent successful escape effected by a convict from Victoria Gaol, another attempt was made by a second prisoner to break out of confinement. It is stated that he had all but succeeded when he was discovered by a warder and again placed in custody.

This latest incident concerning the Gaol is stated to have occurred on April 25th last, when a prisoner, who was serving a sentence of six weeks for larceny, made a hole through the wall of his cell and had actually got down to the compound with only a high wall between him and freedom before he was seen and pounced upon by a warder.

Charged To-day.

No mention of the attempted escape had hitherto appeared in any official reports made available to the Press, and but for the formal production of the prisoner before the Magistrate this morning and his being charged with the offence, it is probable that the occurence would have received no publicity.

It would appear, from the statements made in Court, that the man was serving a sentence of six weeks, and was being accommodated in a cell in the older part of the prison. On April 25th, in the early morning, he commenced to dig into the wall of a cell where an old ventilator used to be, employing for this work an iron implement which he had managed to improvise and conceal in his clothing.

The Arrest.

He made a hole large enough to get through, and got out on the compound, seeking a way out through the maze of passages between the various buildings.

Apparently his intention was to escape into Arbuthnot Road, and he had negotiated a passage as far as the women's section of the Goal, when his movements were detected by a warder stationed in this area. The alarm was given and the man was caught after a brief struggle.

Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of the Gaol, who charged the man in Court, addressing his Worship, said that the man was serving a sentence which would not expire until June 6th. He applied that any sentence inflicted on the new charge, should commence from that date.

The prisoner was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

AMERICANS GAIN CONCESSIONS.

AGREEMENT IN PARIS WITH KING AMANULLAH.

New York, May 7.

A group of American financiers recently concluded a contract with King Amanullah in Paris, in connexion with important oil and mineral concessions in Afghanistan, which the concessionaires will handle for a long term of years and then return the properties to the Government.—*Reuter.*

"Poor fellow, I suppose you seldom come in contact with the finer things of life."

"That's right, lady, and when I do it ain't fit to drink."

TRAINING CHINESE ENGINEERS.

MECHANICAL BENT NECESSARY.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY & THE APPRENTICE QUESTION.

MR. HORNELL'S VIEWS.

The question as to whether training in a University workshop can be regarded as an equivalent to apprenticeship in a commercial workshop is referred to in the annual report of the University of Hongkong by the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. W. W. Hornell.

The report states:—There were 34 students on the rolls of the Faculty of Engineering on the 31st December, 1927. Of the 10 students who passed out of the Faculty in 1927, six graduated in Civil engineering, two in Mechanical Engneering, and two in Electrical Egineering.

The Apprenticeship Question.

The lack of students in the Mechanical and Electrical branches is to be deplored, and the difficulty of the situation is aggravated by the conviction of possible employers, such as the Taikoo and Kowloon Dock Companies, that engineering graduates however eminent are of no use to them unless and until they have passed successfully through an apprenticeship in a commercial workshop. Practical training in a University workshop is not regarded as in any real sense an equivalent.

The University authorities do not dispute the reasonableness of this position and they would welcome an arrangement which would make an adequate period of satisfactory work in a commercial workshop an integral part of the University's mechanical and electrical engineering curriculum. But there are difficulties, the chief one being perhaps that the students who enter the Faculty of Engineering are more attracted by the less physically-exacting requirements of the Civil Engineering course.

Wrong End?

It is possible that in our attempt to train Chinese mechanical and electrical engineers we have started at the wrong end; that what is needed is not so much an attempt to induce young men whose parents can afford to give them a secondary school and University education to become mechanical and electrical engineers, as to train selected artizans to be capable of doing a higher grade of work.

The University would welcome to its Engineering Faculty indentured apprentices from the local engineering workshops who had attained such a general standard of education (this would have to include a practical knowledge of English) as would enable them to follow the mechanical or electrical courses. This arrangement would have the great advantage of enabling such students to continue to be apprentices and to return to their shops during the vacations.

The great difficulty in inaugurating such a scheme is that there are not in Hongkong any night-schools or similar institutions at which apprentices and other workers could continue their education during their off-hours. The situation which is one of vital importance to the future industrial development of the Colony has been investigated. It is impossible to say more than that.

Shanghai Polytechnic.

Meanwhile the establishment of a polytechnic in Shanghai under one of the provisions of the Will of the late Mr. Henry Lester—an enterprise which is being worked out by the Trustees in close co-operation with the University—will mean a real attempt, backed up by adequate funds, to deal with the problem of the production of a higher type of Chinese worker by placing before apprentices and artizans generally, opportunities for educating themselves and thus becoming capable of more responsible work.

The chaos which now prevails in China is undoubtedly handicapping the Engineering Faculty, for there is practically no present demand in China for engineers, but the crux of the Faculty—it was at one time the crux of Engineering Faculties and Colleges everywhere and it still is the crux of all such Faculties and Colleges in the East—is to turn out engineers who combine theoretical skill with practical capacity. But whatever the training, the product that goes out will be merely a development of what goes in. No system of training can make an engineer of a young man who has not got within some sort of mechanical bent.

Maunlana L. A. Haidari, a graduate of the Preachers Training College, Lucknow (India), better known as Madrasatul Waizeen, Lucknow, arrived in Hongkong on Sunday last. He is staying in No. 31F Wyndham Street. He will stay for about a week and will later proceed to Shanghai.

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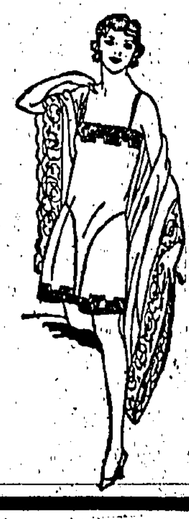

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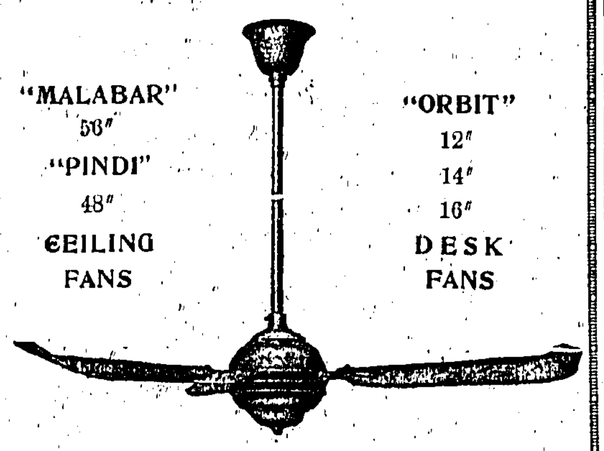

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THE WORLD of SPORT

SPORTS PARAGRAPHS.

SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

Mrs. Lambert Chambers, the famous tennis player, has become a professional coach.

In a contest at Paris the Italian half-breed boxer, Jacovac, formerly known as Jack Walter, beat the English boxer George West on points.

Charles M. Buchan, the famous English international player, is leaving the Arsenal team, of which he is captain, at the end of the season to join the sporting staff of the *Daily News*, London. He will start his journalistic duties early in June.

There is a distinct possibility that E. H. Liddell, the 400 metres Olympic champion, who is at present a missionary in China, may, after all, be able to assist Great Britain in the forthcoming Olympic Games.

The following athletes have been nominated by the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association as probable candidates for the Olympic Games:—James Crawford, J. Suttie Smith, J. D. Hope, D. M'Lean, J. W. Henderson (Gala Harriers), and D. M'L. Wright. It will be noted that E. H. Liddell is not included in the list.

The sub-committee to select sides for the Test matches against the West Indies and for the trial match will be H. D. G. Leveson-Gower (chairman), J. W. H. T. Douglas, and A. E. R. Gilligan. P. F. Warner was invited to serve, but had to decline owing to the new rule, which precludes a selector writing descriptions of Test and trial matchs until the end of the season.

It was estimated that over 100,000 people were present at Roy Kilner's funeral at Wombwell. Amongst the mourners were Lord Hawke, Captain Worsley, the Yorkshire captain, and many other representatives of the Yorkshire and also the Lancashire Cricket Clubs, including Mr. F. C. Toone, the Yorkshire secretary; Major L. Green, the Lancashire captain; Ernest Tyldesley, Lancashire; and P. T. Eckersley, Lancashire; "Bobby" Peel and George Hirst, former Yorkshire players of note. At the parish church, Canon S. F. J. Smith, the rector of Wombwell, opened a striking tribute to Kilner with the words:—"A Yorkshire wicket has fallen, and one of Yorkshire's best men is out. We lament the loss not only of a great cricketer, but of a great personality."

LEADS THE FIELD.

"Big Bill" Melhorn, who, with a score of 72 leads the field in the British Open Golf Championship. Another round, before the Competition Proper, is being played to-day.

LAWN BOWLS.

DRAW FOR THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The draw was made yesterday afternoon for the open lawn bowls championship of the Colony. This year there is a record entry, no less than 78 players having sent their names in, the previous highest being 60, three or four years ago. The number of entries necessitates an extra round being played this year.

The entrants were from the following clubs: Kowloon Bowling Green 18, Kowloon Dock R. C. 12, Civil Service C. C. 11, Kowloon C. C. 10, Taikoo R. C. 8, Police R. C. 6, Royal Hongkong Yacht Club 5, Craigengower C. C. 4, Club de Recreio 3 and East Point R. C. 1.

The draw resulted as under:

Byes.

C. J. Tacchi v A. W. Grimmitt.
W. F. J. Gorvin v F. Cullen.
E. W. Hogbin v D. Muir.
G. Moss v D. F. Warren.
L. J. Whant v H. G. Cooper.
H. Nish v W. Hill.
E. Kern v J. Chalmers.
J. T. Dobbie v J. Gibson.
J. Ferguson v R. T. Taylor.
D. C. Walmsley v R. R. Davies.
J. W. Beattie v A. C. V. Rebiero.
J. Hollidge v H. McTavish.
J. C. Brown.

First Round.

A. Hevey v A. Chapman.
J. Fraser v J. McKelvie.
E. Eccleshall v A. R. Whibley.
L. E. Lammert v J. Magill.
W. Greig v N. Drummond.
A. Murdoch v J. A. Lindsay.
R. Sutherland v L. J. Davies.
A. Macfarlane v B. W. Bradbury.
P. T. Farrell v J. J. Whyte.
W. Macfarlane v W. Glendonning.
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J. B. Archibald v J. Clark.
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G. Henderson v J. H. Johnston.

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F. C. Goodman.
J. Massey v J. Laing
R. F. Luz v D. Munro.
A. M. Simpson v R. Duncan.
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C. Bennett v C. G. Silva.
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J. O. McLaggan v D. Gow.
J. Gregory v T. D. E. Pendered.
D. Rumjahn v A. M. Holland.

LOCAL GOLF.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP COMPETITION.

The Captain's Cup Competition for May, played at Fanling over the week-end, brought out 33 entries. Mr. R. Warbrick qualified with a score of 70 (84-14), the other scores being:

M. H. Roffey ....88 —	11	= 77
F. J. de Rome ...84 —	7	= 77
R. Young .....87 —	9	= 78
O. E. C. Marton 78 —	(scr.)	= 78
C. C. Stark ....84 —	5	= 79
R. H. Hollis ....89 —	10	= 79
I. Newton .....86 —	7	= 79

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, on the Chinese who was shot by a Chinese detective at No. 563, Nathan Road last month. The defendant, it will be remembered, had gone into the rear of the house and was in the act of stealing a blanket when the alarm was given and he ran away. When challenged by a detective the man refused to stop and was shot in the leg.

At the unveiling of the Chinese War Memorial at the Public Gardens on Sunday, the Ex-Active Service Men's Association was represented by the President, the Vice-President and two members of the General Committee.

A trader doing business at No. 181, Des Voeux Road Central reported to the police yesterday that he was the victim of a larceny by bailee. It would appear from the report that two coolies were employed to carry two hundred catties of salt fish and a box of clothing, to the s.s. Charles Hardouin, but after leaving the shop in Des Voeux Road, the coolies disappeared. The loss is valued at $162.

Chan Fo, master of the Hung Sing engineering shop, of 120, Portland Street, Yaumati, reported to the police yesterday that someone had stolen from the back yard of his shop two four-bladed propellers, valued at $550.

Once again, two Chinese, by employing the familiar banknote trick, managed to extract $49 from a woman residing at the Jockey Club stables. According to her statement to the police she met two strangers in Wanchai who wanted a wad of banknotes changed into silver. She volunteered to do the necessary, leaving behind her the $49 as a mark of her good faith. Needless to say the "banknotes" proved to be waste paper.

Attempting to alight from the train whilst it was still in motion, a Chinese received bodily injuries last night at the Kowloon Railway Station. He was attended to on the spot and was later removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

PRINCE GEORGE ENJOYS SHORE LEAVE.

H.R.H. Prince George, who served aboard H.M.S. Hawkins on the China Station, and who is still continuing his naval career, is here seen (in centre) acknowledging youthful admirers when leaving Windsor Castle for riding exercise in the Great Park, whilst on shore leave.

HENDREN HITS A CENTURY.

HAIG BOWLS EXTREMELY WELL.

WORCESTER COLLAPSE.

London, May 7.

Middlesex opened their county cricket programme with a match against Worcester at Lords, the Home Counties' team winning by an innings and 126 runs.

The feature of the match was a smart century by Patsy Hendren, who, however lost his wicket immediately after reaching three figures.

Nigel Haig bowled remarkably well in Worcester's first innings. The scores were:

Middlesex: 339.
Worcester: 68 and 145.

In spite of good bowling by Hill, who took 5 wickets for 93 runs, Middlesex passed the three-hundred mark in their first innings, Hendren contributing 100.

Worcester collapsed in reply, Nigel Haig taking 6 wickets for 30 runs. Following-on, Worcester were again dismissed for a small score, the match being over in two days.

Warwick Win.

Warwickshire also began their season well, defeating Glamorgan by 10 wickets, at Birmingham.

Glamorgan batting first compiled 129, and in reply Warwickshire hit up 331.

Glamorgan gave an improved display in their second innings, but their total of 212, left Warwickshire needing 31 runs to win, a task which was accomplished without loss.—*Reuter.*

MOTOR CAR TOUTS IN TROUBLE.

SIX APPEAR IN COURT THIS MORNING.

Consequent upon numerous reports being made to the police of the objectionable manner in which motor car touts operate in the Western District, particularly at West Point at night, the police yesterday carried out a systematic combing out, which resulted in the appearance this morning of no fewer than six of these men before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Each of the six pleaded guilty to the offence.

His Worship imposed fines of $5, or, in default, seven days, hard labour on four of the men, warning them that a future appearance in Court on the same charge would mean the inflicting of a fine twice as heavy. A fifth man, who had previously been charged and fined for the same offence was mulcted in the sum of $10, whilst a youth was ordered six strokes.

NOT TO HANG.

SENTENCE ON INDIAN COMMUTED.

His Excellency the Governor has exercised the clemency of the Crown with regard to Saudagar Singh, the Indian watchman who was found guilty of the murder of Jetta Singh, another watchman, at the Criminal Sessions recently and was sentenced to death.

The sentence has been commuted to one of imprisonment for life.

In returning a verdict of guilty the jury, it will be recalled, recommended the prisoner to mercy.

DAY BY DAY.

The s.s. Lee On was docked at Kowloon this morning for overhaul and survey.

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The receipts for the Diocesan Boys' School concert amounted to $402.50, which amount, less expenses, is being paid into the New School Equipment Fund.

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A stevedore on board the s.s. Mausang, named Ah Tung, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday as a result of injuries sustained through falling into the No. 1 hold of the steamer.

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Captain T. T. Laurenson, of the China Coast Officers Guild, attended the funeral of the late Captain F. W. Jones at Happy Valley last evening. The Guild also sent a wreath.

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A Chinese coolie was removed to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition on Sunday, following an accident at the Green Island Cement Company's works in Hunghom. According to a report made by Mr. J. J. Cameron, an engineer at the works, the coolie's right arm was crushed between two wheels.

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This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and only eight departures, with British best under both headings, leaving 64 vessels in harbour, of which 20 were British. Cargo figures were low generally, although there was a heavy American entry of kerosene. There were only six through freights, two of these being of four figures. Two vessels entered in ballast.

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Fines of $750 and $1,000 respectively were imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, on two Chinese who were charged with being in possession of 12 and 15 taels of prepared opium. The Magistrate was told by Chief Preventive Officer Clarke that in each case, the man had the opium concealed in his socks. The alternatives for the fines were four and five months' hard labour.

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Pleading guilty to a charge of stealing one dollar from another man, a Chinese who had eight previous convictions against him, was sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell to twelve months' hard labour this morning. The man's record showed that the larceny took place while defendent was still under police surveillance. His Worship, in passing sentence, said the defendant appeared to be incorrigible.

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TRAFFIC CASES IN COURT.

(Continued from Page 7.)

Traffic Inspector Baker said it was a flagrant case, as the defendant was speeding and passing everything in front of him on the left hand side all the way from the Dockyard to the Central Garage.

A fine of $20 was imposed.

Adjourned Case.

Captain G. Holm was summoned for being on the wrong side of the road when driving a car and for failing to report a collision which another car in which was Mrs. Ho, the wife of Dr. S. C. Ho. The accident was stated to have occurred in Queen's Road Central, the pointsman stationed at the Ice House Street junction appearing as a witness.

The case was adjourned *sine die.*

NIGHT CHASE OF SMUGGLERS.

MYSTERY MOTOR-BOAT FIRED ON.

HARBOUR VOLLEYS.

Marseilles, Apr. 9.

A fast motor-boat carrying 600lb of opium was captured last night after a dramatic chase by a special police boat in Marseilles Harbour.

Marseilles is the largest centre in Europe for smuggled opium. Recently *The Daily Chronicle* published M. Albert Londes's remarkable revelations concerning the Marseilles opium traffic, which is entirely in the hands of a mysterious Chinaman known as Le Pere.

So far the police had failed in their constant efforts to trap the Chinese "dr- king" and his agents; but it is believed that last night's coup will tend to important developments in the war against drug smugglers.

Nightly Journey.

For several weeks detectives have been watching a mysterious motor-boat which occasionally made night trips to various parts of the harbour.

They decided to follow her, and the fast police boat Argus was kept in readiness.

Last night the mysterious motor-boat was seen leaving the Joliette Dock, and, after stopping for a few minutes near a steamer, continued its course. Detectives who had been watching from the Argus took the same direction.

Noticing that they were being followed, the men on the motor-boat increased speed and an exciting race between the two craft followed.

At one moment the two boats were but 50 yards from each other. The police fired revolver shots, ordering the fugitives to stop. But the latter, instead of obeying, fired back at the police. Volleys continued to be exchanged, but the fugitives were able to gain speed.

At last they ran their boat ashore at a deserted point in one of the old docks, and escaped in the darkness before the police boat reached the spot.

A Big Haul.

In the abandoned motor-boat the police found several parcels containing opium, large quantities of cigars, cigarettes, matches and silk. All the goods, as well as the boat, which bears the name of Wilson, were seized by the police.

The owner of the Wilson was questioned by detectives. He said his boat had been hired from him some time ago by a visitor, who used her during the day as a pleasure boat to make excursions; he was not aware that his boat was being used at night for smuggling.

The police are now said to be on the track of last night's smugglers, and several arrests are expected.

NO TYPHOON THREAT.

The Royal Observatory report to-day states: The anticyclone has moved eastward farther into the Pacific. The typhoon is about 300 miles East of Manila moving N.N.W. and is not at present threatening Hongkong.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is: North East or variable winds, light; fine.

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SHANGHAI RACES.

RESULTS OF FIRST DAY OF SPRING MEETING.

The opening day of the Shanghai Race Club Spring Meeting results in good times being made. Prominent jockeys were Mr. Dallas with two firsts and a third and Mr. Pote-Hunt with one first, five seconds and two thirds. A feature of the opening race was that Christmas Chimes, the winner of last year was relegated to third place, while the rider of the winner was second in last year's event.

Race I.

Duke of Portland	(Mr. Sokoloff)	1
Moonlit Eve	(Mr. Pote Hunt)	2
Christmas Chimes	(Mr. Heard)	3

Time 2 mins. 1-1/5 seconds.

Race II.

Pioneer	(Mr. Encarnacao)	1
Nith	(Mr. Hill)	2
Veterock	(Mr. Sokoloff)	3

Time 56 1/5 seconds.

Race III.

Pretty Light	(Mr. E. Moller)	1
The Warbler	(Mr. Hill)	2
White Rosemary	(Mr. Pote Hunt)	3

Time 1 min. 16 1/5 seconds.

Race IV.

Le Pollisson	(Mr. G. A. Pollock)	1
Sarnia II	(Mr. McCann)	2
Campbell	(Mr. Haimovitch)	3

Time 1 min. 30 seconds.

Race V.

Quiet Eve	(Mr. Pote Hunt)	1
Firefly	(Mr. Maitland)	2
Pat	(Mr. Bowling)	3

Time 2 mins. 36 3/5 seconds.

Race VI.

John Willy	(Mr. Wells-Henderson)	1
Silver Wing	(Mr. Pote Hunt)	2
Wynk	(Mr. Moller)	3

Time 2 min. 7 2/5 seconds.

Race VII.

Stembar	(Mr. Bott)	1
Big Ching	(Mr. Hill)	2
Fontissimo	(Mr. Pote Hunt)	3

Time 2 min. 8 2/5 seconds.

Race VIII.

Whentcroft	(Mr. Heard)	1
Wedding Eve	(Mr. Pote Hunt)	2
Poppyland	(Mr. Dallas)	3

Time 2 min. 4 3/5 seconds.

Race IX.

Alligator	(Mr. Haimovitch)	1
Engagement Eve	(Mr. Pote Hunt)	2
Shorty McGee	(Mr. Maitland)	3

Time 2 min. 6 seconds.

Race X.

The Snake Bird	(Mr. Hill)	1
Double Chance	(Mr. Pote Hunt)	2
Anchonatree	(Mr. Haimovitch)	3

Time 1 min. 30 3/5 seconds.

Race XI.

Cloverland	(Mr. Dallas)	1
Busy Bee	(Mr. Maitland)	2
The Chosen Bird	(Mr. Wells-Henderson)	3

Time 2 min. 41 3/5 seconds.

Race XII.

Bonnie Scotland	(Mr. Dallas)	1
Zorhan	(Mr. Wells-Henderson)	2
Sceptre	(Mr. Maitland)	3

Time 2 minutes.

Race XIII.

Jack Tar	(Mr. Herlofson)	1
Nuit St. George	(Mr. Hickmott)	2
Applesauce	(Mr. Stanglund)	3

Time 2 min. 10 1/5 seconds.

MACAO RACES.

ENTRIES FOR THE EIGHTH EXTRA MEETING.

The following are the entries for the eighth extra race meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., to be held on Sunday, May 13:

May Novices Race—Six Furlongs.

Hailo, Isostacy, Six Hundred, Diana, Sugar Loaf, Silver Mine, Gold Mine, Pitchfork, Westlake, Branco, Little Darling, Glenmerin, Circe, Valour, Lucky Star, My Lady, Multnomah II, Zircon, Glory, Kom Tong Hall, Full Moon, Ullswater, Easter Day, Chemal, Siang River, Fir Dee, Golly, Mysterious, Waichow.

The Praia Grande Handicap, "A" Class.

Ma Kau Siac (171), One Third (On the Mall) (162), My Lady (161), Fifty Fifty (Islam) (155), Wild Fellow (153), Glory (Cedric) (152), Wuchang (150), Aristophanes (150), Branco (150), Chemal, (148), Caesar (Macao Beauty) (140), Chow Tsze Lon (144), Little Sit Tang, (140), Warlordship (140).

The Praia Grande Handicap, "B" Class.

Sunning (165), Kom Tong Hall (160), The Zebra (Rainbow) (155), Spring Day (155), Man of War (154), May (153), Ching Hoi (152), Gold Mine, (150), Glenmerin (150), Sutherland (148), Ullswater (147), Ben Hur (147), Tap Sine (145), Westlake (145), Veloz (143), Valour (140), Six Hundred (140), Castle (140).

The Praia Grande Handicap, "C" Class.

Caviare (161), Isostacy (late Magnificent Dahlia) (158), Pekin (158), The Haugh (156), Ploughman (155), Fir Dee (155), Duke of Nieblung (153), Silver Mine (152), Hailo (152), Red Leaves (151), Little Darling (150), Siang River (149), Copper Mine (148), Diana (148), My Toy (148), Harlene (147), Waichow (145), Kwongchow (145), Fookshau (145), Scooter (145), Grey Eyes (145), Lucky Star (142), Multnomah II (140), Circe (140), Pitchfork (140), Sugar Loaf (140), Loch Tay (140).

The Mid-Summer Plate—Once Round

Veloz, Spring Day, Isostacy, Gold Mine, Silver Mine, Pitchfork, Westlake, Little Darling, Glenmerin, Valour, Copper Mine, May, Lucky Star, My Lady, Multnomah II, Zircon, Aristophanes, Zebra, Grey Eyes, Castle, Rupert, Pekin, Scooter, Red Leaves, Little River, Duke of Nieblung, Ploughman, The Haugh, Harlene, Caviare, Fir Dee, My Toy.

The Macao Second Aggregate Stakes —One Mile.

One Third, San Diego, Little Sit Tang, Veloz, Ching Hoi, Gold Mine, Wuchang, Branco, Wild Fellow, Sutherland, Ma Kau Siac, Aristophanes, Fifty Fifty, Caesar.

The Areia Preta Handicap—1¼ Miles.

Ma Kau Siac (171), One Third (On the Mall) (162), Fifty Fifty (Islam) (155), Wild Fellow (153), Branco (150), Wuchang (150), Warlordship (140), Mowgli (140), Ching Hoi (140), Six Hundred (140), Glenerin (140), Tap Sine (140), Silver Mine (140), Mysterious (140), Pitchfork (140), Sunning (140).

The May Consolation Plate—Half a Mile.

Loch Tay, Full Moon, The Zebra, Glory, Kom Tong Hall, Spring Day, Isostacy, Little Sit Tang, Fook Shau, Veloz, Hailo, Kwong Chow, Ching Hoi, Six Hundred, Silver Mine, Gold Mine, Westlake, Branco, Wild Fellow, Little Darling, Sutherland, Copper Mine, May, Tap Sine, My Lady, Zircon, Warlordship, Caviare, Little River, Duke of Nieblung, Ploughman, Harlene, The Haugh, Fir Dee, My Toy, Golly, Caesar, Ben Hur, Man-of-war, Sunning.

ARMED ROBBERY.

OUTRAGE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

Another daylight armed robbery was perpetrated yesterday noon in the heart of the city, when four bandits under the pretext that they came to rent a room gained admittance into a Chinese house in No. 156, third floor Hollywood Road.

According to her report to the police, a Chinese widow of 80 stated that on Sunday the four men came up to her house and looked over the rear cubicle, which was to let. The men then went away after paying a deposit of $3, adding that they intended to move in the following day.

Yesterday at about the same hour at 12 noon they returned and unsuspectedly the widow admitted them and once inside the premises they produced daggers, threatening the woman to keep silent. It appears that the widow was the sole inmate in the house at the moment. The bandits tied her feet and pushed her on to the bed, and covered her up with a cotton coverlet.

For ten minutes they stayed on the premises ransacking the place, making off with a pair of gold bangles, a pair of jadestone bangles, valued at $120, some other jewellery and $90 in Hongkong bank notes, valued in all at $316.

Shortly after the bandits had left the widow freed herself and reported to the police, who later detained a Chinese suspect on Eastern Street. When taken to the Police Station the man was found in possession of $300 in Hongkong bank notes. He, however, said that he was a foki belonging to a certain Chinese shop and the police released him.

GRILLES ON TRAINS.

PROTECTION FOR THE CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

Since the recent robbery on the Canton-Kowloon Railway, Mr. Lo Min, Managing Director of the Railway, has applied to the Commander of the 5th Army to furnish ample troops for the adequate protection of the trains of this railway, says the *Canton Gazette*.

As reported some time ago military guards are already provided for the trains, and apparently protective measures are to be extended. The track will probably be patrolled.

In every case of train hold-up, the engine crew were invariably kept under control by the robbers, and consequently the entire train was helpless. The locomotives are now to be fitted up with grilles and steel plates, and it is hoped these fitments will prevent robbers from gaining access to the engine cab. Hitherto it has been a somewhat simple matter to clamber along to the cab, but with the installation of these grilles and plates such action will be frustrated.

5,000 YEARS OLD.

EGYPTIAN QUEEN'S "SEDAN" CHAIR RECONSTRUCTED.

Cairo, April 9.

An important addition just made to the Museum of Antiquities is the beautiful carrying chair of Queen Hetepheres, the mother of Cheops, the Fourth Dynasty king, who built the Great Pyramid. The chair was formally handed over by the Harvard-Boston Expedition, under Dr. Reisner, assisted by Mr. Dunham and Mr. Wheeler.

It is cased in patterned gold and inlaid with solid gold hieroglyphics, and the exquisite simplicity of its workmanship forms a splendid tribute to the artistic skill of the Egyptian craftsmen of the Great Pyramid era.

It was actually made about B. C. 2900 by order of Cheops for his mother, then the most prominent lady in Egypt, and it seems that she sat on a cushion on the floor of the chair while four bearers carried it shoulder high.

When discovered in Queen Hetepheres's tomb the wood had almost entirely decayed or shrunk to one-sixth of its original size. From certain pieces of shrunken wood, which are still preserved with their joints, mortices, and tenons, it was possible to reconstruct the entire woodwork of the chair with new wood on which the original gold casing and heiroglyphics were then mounted.

This reconstruction required nearly two years of careful work by the above members of the expedition and Mr. W. A. Stewart, to whom the greatest credit is due for the artistic and skilful restoration. A further point of interest is that this is the earliest tomb in which funerary furniture has been discovered.

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VISITS TO FRANCE.

PASSPORTS NECESSARY FOR ALL TRAVELLERS.

The movement in favour of the simplification of passport barriers between the various countries of the world received a sharp setback recently. An announcement was officially made which stated that from June 1 identification papers, at least as comprehensive as those issued to French citizens, will be necessary for all visitors to France, including week-end and day trippers.

The only official identification paper which could be used by British subjects is the ordinary passport, and it is feared that the necessity of obtaining a passport and going through the irritating formalities which inevitably accompany application, will materially reduce the number of day and week-end tourists.

The Home Secretary points out that it is not true to say that the British authorities have never consented to grant a reciprocal advantage to France and Belgian nationals desiring to visit the United Kingdom. Facilities for visits without passports have been granted to French and Belgian nationals between certain French and Belgian ports and ports in the United Kingdom.

BALKANS AGAIN.

SOVIET AGAIN WARNS POLISH PEOPLE.

Moscow, May 7.

Soviet Russia has sent Poland a note in connexion with the Lizaref attempt, protesting against the passivity of the Polish authorities in regards to the white emigrant terrorist organisations.

The note recalls the murder of M. Voikoff last year and Voitzekhovosky's participation therein, and declares that Voitzekhovosky's name is among the list of the most active members of the White Russian terrorist organisations which was communicated to the Polish legation, with the remark that their farther sojourn in Poland would jeopardise the relations of the two countries, yet the Polish Government took no measures for the liquidation of the terrorist organisations. The attitude of the Polish Press towards the terroristic attempts amounted to direct encouragement.—*Reuter.*

A chap we loathe is Lewis Long; he always knows the newest song!

THE DAVIS CUP.

NORWAY ELIMINATED BY HUNGARY.

Budapest, May 7.

Hungary has eliminated Norway by five matches to nil for the Davis Cup. —*Reuter.*

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CHRISTIANITY AND THE WORKMAN.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES IN CHINA.

On Sunday evening, before a large attendance of members of the Chinese Catholic Young Men's Society, Caine Road, Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, B.A., delivered a most instructive and interesting address on the long struggle of the Christian Church for the improvement of the condition of the labourer.

Among those present was His Lordship Bishop Valtorta.

Mr. Fitz-Gibbon, who was introduced by the President of the Society, Mr. Edword Tsé Chak-wan, dealt at length with historical aspects of the question, and concluded:

Catholic Labour Movement.

In the midst of all the perplexity and the seemingly impotent efforts to arrive at a solution, what has the Catholic Church done to improve the lot of the workman? As she is Catholic, and flourishes under every form of government, so she accepts the existing industrial arrangements in all countries, condemning where they diverge from the principles of justice and extending her sympathy and active influence to mitigate the hardships of any system. You have all probably read at one time or another the celebrated encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, on the condition of the working classes, which was issued in 1891 by Pope Leo XIII, an encyclical devoted entirely to the labour question. The contents of this encyclical are well known, and have commanded the attention and respect of the world. The Holy Father defined therein the duties and responsibilities of employers and workmen, and his thorough grasp of the difficulties of the situation and his sympathy for the labourers were evident throughout. "But all agreed" he wrote, "and there can be no question whatever, that some remedy must be found; and quickly found for the misery and wretchedness which press so heavily at this moment on the large majority of the very poor. The ancient workmen's gilds were destroyed in the last century, and no other organization took their place. Public institutions and the laws have repudiated the ancient religion. Hence by degrees it has come to pass that working men have been given over, isolated and defenceless, to the callousness of employers and the greed of unrestrained competition. The evil has been increased by rapacious usury, which, although more than once condemned by the Church, is, nevertheless, under a different form but with the same guilt, still practised by avaricious and grasping men. And to this must be added the custom of working by contract, and the concentration of so many branches of trade in the hands of a few individuals, so that a small number of very rich men have been able to lay upon the masses of the very poor a yoke little better than slavery itself."

These words were addressed to the whole Church and to the whole world, and their influence has since been evident throughout Europe. The result has been to create, or foster, a general Catholic labour movement in every country, with the object of taking effective means to relieve the oppression of the modern commercial system, to improve the social position of the working classes, to unite them for their common good, and to prepare them by education for the struggle for their rights. In Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France, Belgium, England and the United States the Catholic labour movement is to-day well organized, and its development during recent years has been remarkable. In England the Catholic Young Men's Society and the Catholic Social Guild have done and are doing splendid work, and a Catholic Workmen's College has been founded at Oxford to train young Catholic workmen to take their places as leaders in the labour movement.

Its Work in China.

In China, where there is a Catholic population of over two and a quarter millions, little or nothing appears to have been done towards the formation of a purely Catholic labour organization. With a Chinese membership about three times that of all the other Christian bodies in China together, the Catholic Church would appear to be in a particularly advantageous position to exercise a powerful influence on the Chinese labour movement, guiding it on the path of prudence and discretion and counselling against violence and the destructive doctrines of Russian and other agitators. The natural centres for the Chinese labour movement are Shanghai and Canton: in the former city, with its huge Catholic population, there are many thousands of Catholic workmen. Some have probably received a good English education. Is it too much to hope for that we may yet see some of these men sent abroad—under the auspices of a Catholic Social Guild of China—for courses in Social Science at the Catholic Workmen's College at Oxford and similar institutions in other countries?

Thus we see that as in the beginning the Catholic Church was the refuge of the oppressed and the protector of labour; as she fought slavery with determination but with prudence, counselling against any attempt at violent change, so with the same purpose and the same counsel of prudence she has to-day set herself to combat the present evils, while guarding against the destruction of the complex and delicate machinery of commerce. We know that she has the power to control the chief causes of all labour troubles—the greed of the capitalists and the excited passions of the workmen—because by her religious organizations, embracing both masters and men, she can use that wonderful influence which God has entrusted to her over the human heart. The master knows that she is bound to the principles of justice, while, from the records of the past, she has a powerful claim on the confidence of the workman. When he was a slave she took him to her bosom and nursed him into full free manhood: when he was a serf she, in the person of her monks, worked beside him in the fields, wore the rough clothes that he wore, cheered him in his toil, cared for him and fed him when he was sick and needy, and ultimately won for him his freedom: when he was a craftsman she taught him how to combine for a common purpose in gilds which took the constitution of the religious gilds for a model and of which religion was always so strikingly a part. Through his centuries of struggle she has been his friend and his champion, and to-day the wonderful world-wide activity of her labour organizations shows that the fight for his welfare is still for her a labour of love.

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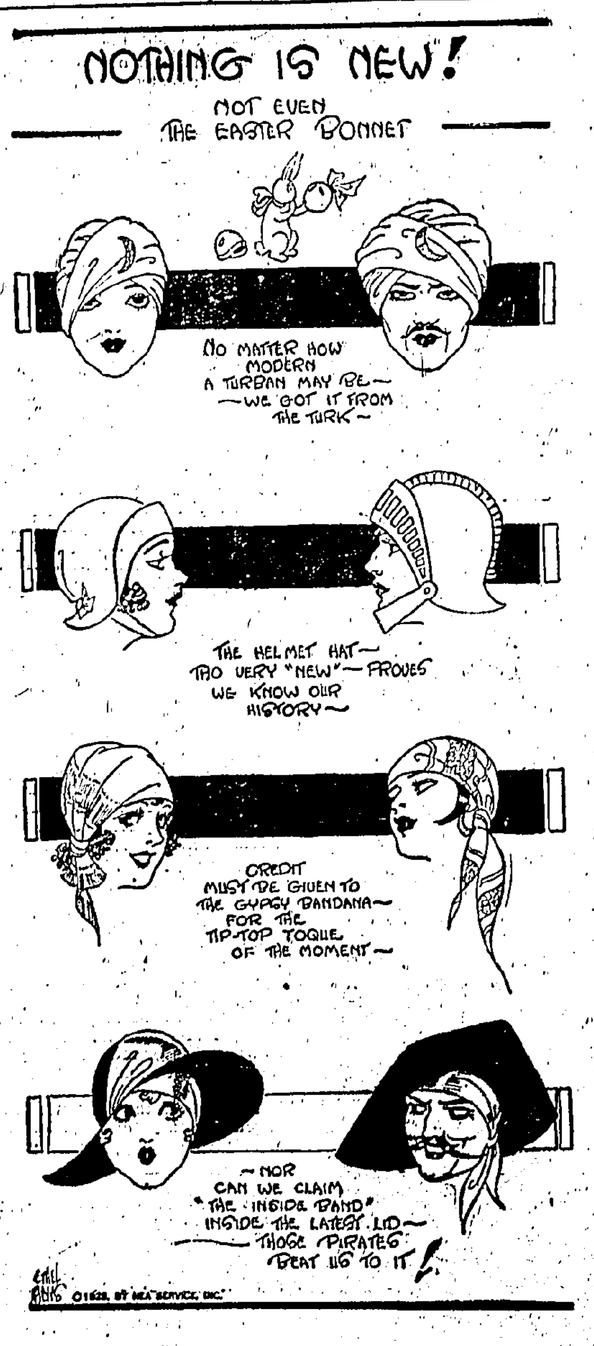

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Author of "Saint and Sinner."

CHAPTER XXX.

Pop Bybee looked down upon Sally's agonized face with troubled indecision in his bright blue eyes. He tried to lift her to her feet, but her arms were locked about his knees. The midget had scrambled from Sally's shoulder to the floor of the car and as Bybee hesitated, her tiny fists beat upon his right leg for attention.

"You're not going to break your promise to Sally, are you, Mr. Bybee? the tiny voice piped shrilly. "You told her and the boy you'd protect them. She's told you the truth. Don't you know truth when you hear it? I always knew Nita was a crook. She never saw a policeman or a constable or a sheriff without turning white as a ghost. She joined up with the carnival just to learn the lay of the land and tip off her accomplice—this Steve person—where to find the money. That's why she was spying on Mrs. Bybee that day in Stanton. Listen to me!"

"I'm listening, Miss Tanner," Pop Bybee acknowledged wearily. "And I swear I don't know what to say or do. If they get clear away with that money the show'll be stranded. Every cent I had in the world was in that safe. Reckon I was a fool to carry it with me, but I never trusted a bank, and it was more convenient, having it right with me. Tomorrow's payday, too, and all of you are in the same boat with me."

"Listen, boss, let's take a vote on it." Gus, the crier, spoke up suddenly and loudly. "Now me—I believe the kid here is telling the truth. No college boy could crack a safe like that. It was a professional job, or I'm a liar! Of course Nita may have taken the boy off with her and this Steve, since she was so crazy about him, but we ain't got no proof she did, and as Sally says, if you set the cops on the boy, the jig will be up with her as well as the boy. Another thing, Dave may be laying in the bushes somewhere with a bullet—"

"Oh!" Sally screamed, as the full significance of Gus' words burst upon her. She fainted then, her little body slumping into a heap at Bybee's feet, her head striking one of his big shoes and resting there.

When she regained consciousness she was lying in the lower berth which had belonged to Nita, and the midget was kneeling on the pillow beside her head, dabbing her face with a handkerchief soaked in aromatic spirits of ammonia. Mazie and Sue, two of the dancers in the "girlie" show, sat on the edge of the berth, their cold-creamed faces almost beautiful with anxiety and sympathy.

"What's the matter? Is it time to get up?" Sally asked dazedly. "What are you doing, Betty?"

The midget answered in her tiny, brisk voice: "I'm bathing your face with ammonia which Mrs. Bybee sent. It should be cologne, and this ammonia will probably dry your skin something dreadful, but it was the only thing we could get. You fainted, you know."

"Oh, I remember!" Sally moaned, her head beginning to turn from side to side on the pillow. "Have they found David? I know he's been hurt!"

"They're looking for him," the midget assured her briskly. "Mr. Bybee took a vote on whether he was to notify the police about David's being gone, as well as Nita, and the vote was 'No!' That ought to make you feel happier!"

"Oh, it does!" Sally began to cry softly. "You have all been so kind, so kind! You said Mrs. Bybee sent the ammonia?" she asked wistfully.

"She certainly did, and she's in the kitchen of the privilege car right now, making you some hot tea. She won't say she's sorry, probably, but she'll try to make it up to you. She's like that—always flying off the handle and suspicious of everybody, but she's got a heart as big as Babe, the fat girl."

"And so have you!" Sally told her brokenly, taking both of the tiny hands into one of hers and laying them softly against her lips.

"Ain't love grand?" Mazie sighed deeply. "If it had been my sweetie, I'd a-fell for that line of Ma Bybee's about him running off with Nita, but you sure stuck by him! I was in love like that once, when I was a kid. I married him, too, and he ran off with the albino girl and took my money bag with him. Every damn cent I had! But it was sweet before we was married and he was nuts about me."

"Aw, let the kid alone!" Sue slipped from the edge of the berth and yawned widely. Heavens I'm sleepy! If the cops don't catch that Hula hussy I'm going out looking for her myself, and when I get through with her she'll never shake another grass skirt! Come on Mazie. It's three o'clock in the morning, and we've got 18 shows ahead of us today."

"Maybe!" Mazie yawned. "If Pop wasn't kidding us, we'll be stranded in this town. Good night Sally. Good night, Midge. And say, Sally, even if this Dave boy has left you, you won't have no trouble getting another laddie. Gus was telling us about that New York rube that's trailing you. Hook up with him and you'll wear diamonds. Believe me, kid, they ain't none of 'em worth losing sleep over when you've got 18 shows a day ahead of you. Good night."

When they had gone the midget pulled the green curtains together with comical fierceness, then crawled under the top of the sheet that covered Sally.

"I'm going to sleep here with you, Sally," she said. "I don't take up much room."

And the woman who was old enough to be Sally's mother curled her 29-inch body in the curve of Sally's right arm and laid her tiny cheek, as soft and wrinkled as a worn kid glove, in the hollow of Sally's firm young neck.

But long after the midget was asleep, Sally lay wide-eyed and tense in the dark, her mind a welter of fears and love and doubt. She had pleaded passionately with Pop Bybee for David, fiercely pushing to the dark depths of her mind even the memory of the jealousy which Nita had fiendishly aroused in her heart. But now that she had saved him temporarily by convincing Bybee that the boy could not have taken part in the robbery, doubt began to insinuate its ugly body upward from those dark depths where she had buried it.

Did he really love her—a pathetic, immature girl from an orphanage, a girl who had been nothing but a responsibility and a source of dire trouble to him since he had first met and championed her on the Carson farm?

Her old feeling of inferiority rose like nausea in her throat. Life in an orphanage is not calculated to give a girl faith in her own beauty and charm No one, until David's teasing, fond eyes had rested upon her, had thought her beautiful.

Had he been only sorry for her, glad of an opportunity to "clear," to get out of the state where he was wanted on two serious charges? Was he dismayed, too, by the fact that moonlight had tricked him into telling her that he loved her, thus adding the responsibility of her future to the burden of protecting her in this hectic present?

Then a sweeter, saner memory clamoured for attention. She heard again his fond, husky voice caressing her, his "Dear little Sally!" And involuntarily her mouth pursed in memory of his kiss, that kiss that had left her giddy with delight.

How unfailingly kind and sweet he had been since that first day, when he had strode into her life, with the sun on his chestnut hair and the glory of the sun in his eyes. He had not failed her once, but she was failing him now, by doubting him, by picturing him as a fugitive in the dark, fleeing with a pair of criminals who had robbed the man whose kindness had protected him from the law.

Why, she must be crazy to think for a moment that David could do a thing like that! No one in the world was as good and kind and honourable as David.

But where was he? Mrs. Bybee had left him to guard the train. Not for a moment could she believe that he had failed in his trust. Painfully, Sally tried to visualize the dreadful thing that had happened. David alone, patrolling the train, his eyes sharp for intruders. Then—the sudden appearance of Nita and the man, Steve, weighted down with the contents of the safe they had robbed. For Sally knew that the robbery must have taken place before David caught his first glimpse of the crooks. Otherwise the safe would be intact now, even if David's dead body had been found as silent witness that he had fulfilled his trust.

Her mind shuddered away from that imagined picture, went back to the painful reconstruction of what must have taken place. David had seen them, had given chase. Of course! Otherwise he would be here now. Was he still pursuing them, or was he lying somewhere near the road, wounded, his splendid young body ignominiously flung into a cornfield?

She could bear no more, could no longer lie safe in her berth while David needed her somewhere. Very carefully, for all her haste, she lifted the tiny body that nestled against her side and laid it tenderly upon the pillow, which was big enough to serve as a mattress for the midget. Then, sobbing soundlessly, she groped for her shoes in the little green hammock swung across the windows; found them, put them on, slipped to the edge of her berth. She was profoundly thankful that the girls had not undressed her after she had fainted.

When she reached the car in which Mr. and Mrs. Bybee occupied a stateroom she saw the showman and his wife through the open door, talking to two strangers whom she guessed to be plainclothes policemen from police headquarters of Capital City. The two men were evidently about to leave, nodding impatiently that they understood, when Sally appeared, like a frightened, pale little ghost in green-and-white-striped gingham.

She forgot that she was without make-up, that the police were looking for her as well as for the criminals who had robbed the safe. But Pop Bybee had not forgotten. Still talking with the plainclothes detectives, he motioned to her violently behind his back. She turned and forced herself to walk slowly and sedately toward the other end of the car as the detectives made their farewells and their brusque promises of "quick action."

When the men had left the car Bybee's voice summoned her in a husky stage whisper, calling her "Lalla," so that the detectives, if they were listening, should not identify her with the girl who had run away from the orphanage in the company of a man wanted on a charge of assult with the intent to kill.

"Are you crazy?" Bybee demanded hoarsely when she had come running to the stateroom. "Them was dicks! Policemen, understand? They might have nabbed you. What are you doing up? Get back to bed and try to sleep."

"Have you found David?" she quavered, brushing aside his anxiety for her.

"Not a sign of him." Bybee shook his head. "But I didn't spill the beans to the dicks. I'd given you my word, and Winfield Bybee's word is as good as his bond."

"I'm going to look for David," she announced simply, but her blazing eyes dared him to try to prevent her. "He's hurt somewhere—or killed. I'm going to find him."

And before the astonished man or his wife could stretch out a hand to detain her she was gone. When she dropped from the platform of the car she heard the retreating roar of the police car. Instinct turned her in the opposite direction, away from the city, down the railroad tracks leading into the open country.

She did not know and would not have cared that Mr. and Mrs. Bybee were following her, Mrs. Bybee muttering disgustedly but refusing to let Sally search alone for the boy in whom she had such implicit faith.

Dawn was breaking, pale and wan, in a sky that was shamelessly cloudless and serene after the violence of last night's storm, when, over a slight hill, a man's figure loomed suddenly, then seemed to drag with unbearable weariness as it plodded toward the show train.

"David!" Sally shrieked. "David!"

She began to run, her ankles turning against clots of cinders, but her arms outstretched, a glory greater than that of the dawn in her face.

(To Be Continued.)

LUNATIC ON A JURY.

SERIOUS ALLEGATION IN AUSTRALIA.

Sydney, Apr. 9.

The Minister for Justice (Mr. Lee), announced to-night that he had decided to call for a departmental report concerning an allegation that a mental patient at Callan Park had recently sat on a jury before whom a man was tried for murder. Ministers take a serious view of the allegation and should it prove to be correct steps will be taken to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

According to the statement made to the Minister, an inmate of the Callan Park institution sat as a juror in the recent trial of Robert N. Urquhart, who was charged with having murdered his wife at Pyrmont. Urquhart was acquitted of the charge by the jury. It is further alleged that when the alleged lunatic returned to the asylum he stated that he would not convict any man for killing his wife.

BRITISH ATTITUDE TO CHINESE.

(Continued from Page 7.)

feelings of respect and cordiality towards the Chinese with whom we came in contact, and happy recollections of the many years we were associated with them, both in business and in other activities.

Mutual Courtesy.

Notwithstanding the great difference in social customs, we were never bored in their society, as suggested by "J. D.," and on our part, and on the part of the great bulk of Englishmen in China, we treated the Chinese with the same courtesy as our own people.

"J. D." has a hit at Englishmen who are sent to the outports and up country by their firms. He says they get on each other's nerves, and, as he puts it, get fed up to the teeth with the whole place, and wish to God they had never come out. This is one of "J. D.'s" most ridiculous statements. It is well known that the happiest communities in China are in the smaller coast ports. Of course, in every community one will find the disgruntled person who is unable to fit in with his own countrymen.

"Cruel Detraction."

"J. D.," in our opinion, has drawn quite a wrong picture of the life of the Englishman in China. It is a cruel detraction of a community which has to bear a very heavy burden during the past few years through no fault of its own. The unexampled patience and fortitude with which they have faced their troubles, both personal and commercial, is proof enough that the Englishman in China worthily upholds the good traditions of his country, and we feel sure that the Chinese, with their wonderful psychology, have a great respect and regard for the British merchant in China.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

GENIUS MAY ALSO BE ECCENTRIC.

Records of unusual children, particularly those of the genius type, reveal actions which are hardly those of the normal child. It has become common knowledge that brilliant children are likely to be eccentric.

The skeptical person who asks what happens to all these brilliant children when they grow up is likely to be informed that most of them are never heard of again, because their emotional handicaps are so great that they are unable to make proper social adjustments.

The psychologist of the Bureau of Children's Guidance of New York City found that 15 per cent. of children referred to that bureau since its establishment were supernormal children who manifested undesirable behaviour.

Their social unadjustment was so obvious that they failed to progress in school, 20 per cent. of them being over-age for their grades. Sometimes a gifted child has been lowered in its grade four times because it did not adjust itself to the routine work.

Adapting Behaviour.

The supernormal child is placed in competition with older children who are emotionally more mature than he, and he finds himself unable to adapt himself to their type of behaviour. He thereupon slumps in his work and is demoted.

In some schools special arrangements are made for children with exceptional ability, and promotion in the routine work of the grades is adjusted to the physical and emotional development of the child.

The brilliant boy who at 9 or 10 years of age has reached the high school is hardly adapted to contact with girls at a high school dance, or to play on the high school football team. Nevertheless, he is brought into contact with activities of this type to which he is utterly unsuited.

The brilliant child also is likely to be excessively coddled both at home and in school; in other words, to become a pet. He therefore resents attention to others, and responds to crossing of his will by tantrums, disobedience, and impertinence. Punishment merely tends to accentuate the difficulty of the response.

Recourse to Reading.

The child who spends practically all of his time in reading may be exceptionally brilliant and may read because of some physical inferiority that he feels excessively, or to protect himself from inability to play with other children.

A child who learns rapidly and spends only a half-hour in study of material that may require two hours for some other child, soon learns to bluff in class and to study even less than he should to keep at the top of the work. The extra time is not properly accounted for and may be spent in truancy or in undesirable activities.

The parents whose offspring is a genius are perhaps to be congratulated on his intellectual achievements, but they have before them problem of behaviour and control demanding special study and insight, and for which unfortunately but few parents are especially suited.

DUTCH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

ANOTHER SUCCESS IS RECORDED.

The 18th Dutch Industries Fair, held at Utrecht from February 21st till March 1st, was a complete success. The number of participants had increased to 1089 (978 at the Spring Fair 1927), owing to which this Fair takes the third place in the list of the last 18 Dutch Industries Fairs, as to the numerical strength of the participating firms. Only the 3rd Fair, held in 1919 and the 5th. in 1921 (the first International one) had a greater number of participants. The number of visitors of the 18th. Fair may, based on the admission tickets issued, be roughly estimated at about 100,000, among which number were a great may foreigners, as appears from the many orders placed at the fair from abroad.

The fair started with a brisk trade on the first day, which favourable tone was maintained and increased during the subsequent days. Especially in the sections for furniture and home furnishing, building materials, radio, ceramic industry, foodstuffs and luxuries, good business was done. The building materials and roadmaking sections were very extensive this time and represented by most of the leading firms. The special pavilion of the "Vereeniging: Nederlandsch Wegencongres," where various specimens of modern road-covering constructions were exhibited, created much interest.

The Electro-Technical section occupied a space three times as large as that at the previous spring fair. The Electro-Technical Congress held in the Industries Fair Buildings at the same time with the fair, proved a great success and promoted visits of electro-technicists to a very large extent. Special attraction was given to the Textile section this time by the exhibits of the "Verein Deutcher Seidewebereien" and the "Pluschund Samtverband" at Crefeld, the beautiful exhibits of which, accommodated in their own pavilion, drew universal attention.

Some 34 Austrian firms were present at the Fair for the second time in a separate Austrian group. The results gained by them were quite satisfactory.

Distributed over the various nationalitites the participants were as follows:—Holland, 803; Germany, 123; France, 35; America, 24; England, 28; Belgium, 22; Austria, 34; Scotland, 4; Czecho-Slovakia, 2; Sweden, 1; Italy, 3; Switzerland, 8; Norway, 1; Roumania, 1.

During the Fair, the Board announced its plans for the extension of the existing Industries Fair Building. This extension will consist of a subsidiary structure over 5 floors, covering an area of about 1675 square metres, and a temporary hall of one floor, covering an area of about 1,200 metres. Building will be commenced on June 1st, 1928, and it is expected that the new wing of the Industries Fair Building will be ready for the Spring Fair of 1930. Both on the ground floor and on the other floors the exhibition space will be connected with those of the existing building.

State and Municipality have readily promised financial assistance for the new building scheme; 3/5th of the money to be contributed by industry and trade, being already subscribed during the last Fair.

The 19th Fair will be held at Utrecht from September 4th-13th.

A special Group, only participating in the Autumn Fair, will be the group "Utensils and Machinery for Dairy Industry."

During the Spring Fair a large portion of the showrooms was reserved by participants for the Autumn Fair.

The Chinese who was alleged to have attempted to obtain employment in the Water Police by pretending that he had been formerly in the service, of the late Mr. W. Gerrard, was convicted by Mr. W. Schofield this morning and sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, with the option of a fine of $50. The late Mr. Gerrard's gardener who was called denied all knowledge of the defendant, saying that he had never seen him before.

Hongkong estate to the value of $19,200 was left by Li Sze, *alias* Li Hung-po, *alias* Fook Shing-tong, shop manager, who died at 81 Des Voeux Road West, first floor, on August 23, last year. Letters of administration have been granted to Li Ho-shi, widow, residing at 87 Des Voeux Road West, first floor.

Among the passengers sailing for the United States to-day by the President McKinley will be Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson. Mr. Anderson is the head of the well known local firm of Anderson and Ashe, marine surveyors and stevedores, and is travelling through to San Francisco. Mrs. Lillian R. Ashby is leaving for the United States to reside permanently with her children. Mrs. Ashby was formerly connected with an hotel in Calcutta.

A ricsha coolie reported to the police yesterday that a Chinese woman passenger had left a rattan basket in his vehicle and had disappeared. When the basket was opened it was found to contain the dead body of a Chinese girl of about six months old.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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COMPANY REPORT.

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The report of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, for the presentation to the shareholders at the fifty-ninth ordinary meeting to be held on Friday, May 25, states:

1926 Account:—The balance of Working Account on the 31st December, 1927, was $388,120.34 as per annexed statement.

The Board recommends that a dividend of $9 per share and a bonus dividend of $5 per share on 20,000 shares be paid to shareholders, absorbing $280,000, and that the balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the Account for the year 1926.

1927 Account:—The balance of Working Account on the 31st December, 1927, was $961,164.44 as per annexed statement.

The Board recommends that an interim dividend of $2 per share be paid to Shareholders, absorbing $40,000, and that the remainder be carried forward.

Directors.

Since the last general meeting, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes joined the Board and Mr. John A. Plummer, Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. L. J. Davies and Mr. D. O. Russell resigned from the board.

Mr. Arthur Macgowan, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. W. L. Pattenden have joined the board.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. Arthur Macgowan retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Charte. ed Accountants, retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

MODERN AEROPLANES.

RECENTLY ADDED TO THE CANTON FLEET.

The Canton Aviation Department some time ago ordered a number of new aeroplanes. These arrived last week and are now being transported to the aviation hangars for assembly, says the *Canton Gazette*.

It is reported that several foreign aviators have also arrived to assist in assembling and testing the new machines.

Mr. Cheung Wai Cheung, Director of the Aviation Department, was present when the first cases were being opened.

These latest additions to the air squadron are of the latest design, and when assembled and in service, will augment the strength considerably.

Department orders now provide that practice flights are to be made regularly by the aviators attached to the station. This aims at improving and maintaining the high standard of efficiency of the flyers.

Mr. Cheung Wai Cheung, with Mrs. Cheung, last Friday made a flight as an example to encourage the others to make frequent practices.

Mr. Chan Hing Wan, Commander of Cheung Chau fort, and Mr. Wong, Department Chief of Military Headquarters, also flew on Friday.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

STRONGER SUPPORT THIS YEAR THAN LAST.

That the forthcoming New Territories Agricultural Show will receive stronger support than that of last year was shown by the large gathering at Mr. John A. Fraser's home last Saturday at the Committee meeting. Apart from the good attendance, no fewer than eleven names have been added to the list of voluntary workers composed of village elders from the various districts in the New Territories.

The beautiful tablet awarded by His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi, to the most successful winner of the Show in 1927, was placed on exhibition to the Committee. As previously reported, the tablet will be kept at Taipo permanently, and the winners' names will be added year by year.

A suggestion was made to request His Excellency to offer another prize for the coming Show, to be won outright in order to afford greater incentive to the exhibitors.

At the next meeting on July 7, Mr. Fraser will present a map specially prepared to indicate the various districts and principal market places, which will be helpful in enabling the Committee to determine the distribution of prizes in a way beyond dispute or criticism.

Since the Committee met a month or so ago, about 335 packages of American cotton seeds have been distributed among the farmers in the New Territories. Thanks are due to Mr. Fung Kei-cheuk, one of the Committee, for defraying the expense of importing these seeds. The experiment appears to have achieved some success.

In the course of the next fortnight, about 4,000 notices in Chinese, embodying details of the forthcoming Show, will be distributed.

One of the interesting features of last Saturday's Committee meeting was the discussion if improving the raising of Chinese poultry and live stock in the New Territories. The Committee are at the moment considering practical means of not only improving the stock but also how to induce the farmers to avail themselves of veterinary service which may be placed at their disposal. All these points will be thoroughly considered in the near future.

The Committee, including Lady Ho Tung, the Rev. H. R. Wells, Mr. Fung Kei-cheuk, Mr. T. P. Tong, of the Compradore Department of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Mr. Ng Sing-chi, the Chinese secretary, and Mr. J. D. Bush, of Messrs. Yue Lee Yuen, and others, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser at a tea party held after the meeting.

PIANO RECITAL.

BY MR. HARRY ORE'S PUPILS.

A piano recital was given by the pupils of Mr. Harry Ore in the Cathedral Hall last evening, there being present a large audience who enjoyed a long and diversified programme.

Amongst the offerings were selections from the better-known German masters, with frequent incursions into the lighter realm of music as represented by Kellog, Chaminade, Debussy and others. Some of the pupils evinced considerable understanding of technique in their contributions. On the whole it was a thoroughly enjoyable recital, which reflected high credit on the pupils, and on Mr. Ore as their teacher.

Amongst those who took part in the musicale were the Misses Ethel Banker, Doreen Ma, Phoebe To, Rosie Choy, Grace Ho Tung, Lei Wai Tsuen, Daisy Ma, Albertina d'Eca Remedios, Mary Ahwee, Elizabeth Dunbar, and Mr. Donald Anderson.

WEST POINT ECHOES.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH DEMANDING MONEY.

When a Chinese, clad in a long gown, was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with demanding money with menaces from a Chinese woman and with threatening to do her injury unless she complied with his request, the Magistrate was asked by the defence to read a deeper meaning into the case than was suggested by the prefunctory nature of the charges.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, who appeared on behalf of the defendant, suggested that the affair had resolved itself into the question of past relationship between the man and the woman. An ex-*habitue* of the West Point restaurant quarter, she had known and lived with the defendant, despite the claim that she was now married to a Canton merchant as his concubine. Mr. Lo now sought to disprove this claim, and also to show that the demand for money was one which was not unusual in view of the close intimacy of their relations. That the woman now had seen fit to trump up the charges was due to a desire to displace him from her favour on conceiving a warmer regard for the merchant, whom she called her husband.

Much of the evidence given in Court was of an unsavoury character, but from the girl's evidence, it appeared, that she was at one time an inmate of one of the public houses at West Point.

She described the defendant as an individual well-known in the quarter for his unruly behaviour. After her marriage to her present husband, defendant used to follow her about the streets, demanding money, and when the request was not acceded to, he struck her and generally made a nuisance of himself.

The crucial incident happened in the Empress Hotel, where following the receipt of a very threatening letter, he put in a personal appearance and renewed his importunities. He waved his arms wildly about, spoke incoherently, and in his short jacket looked them a very different man from the respectable individual that he was now attempting to be in a long jacket.

Fearing a misunderstanding with her husband, she phoned for the police and he was arrested.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo then embarked on a series of searching questions in regard to her past career and the relationship in which she stood vis-a-vis the defendant and the man whom she now called her husband; and being anticipated in some of these remarks by the witness, he commented on her "sophistry."

The case was adjourned. His Worship, in response to an application from Mr. Lo, and in view of the evidence reduced the bail to $500.

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DUTY ON RUBBER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF SINGAPORE INACTIVE.

Singapore, May 7.

In the Legislative Council, replying to the unofficial members who urged a reduction of the rubber export duty, the Colonial Secretary, Sir Hayes Marriott, stated that he did not propose to take action until the matter was further considered.

The Government's present intention was to re-enact the Rubber Association Ordinance when restriction disappeared. The members of the Legislative Council would be consulted in regards to the rate of assessment to be imposed when the price of rubber dropped below thirty-five.—*Reuter.*

ASSAULT ON POLICE CONSTABLE.

(Continued from Page 2.)

In reply to his Worship witness stated that he was quite sure it was the third man who had the revolver.

Another constable, D.36, who went to Po Chung with D.185, then went into the witness box and corroborated most of the evidence. He said that two other men, who were not in court, snatched the revolver from D.185.

Witness told his Worship that he had to walk back from Po Chung Peninsula to the Aberdeen Police Station after the affray, and it took him three hours.

Mr. Lo's Submission.

Before the Court adjourned Mr. Lo mentioned that it appeared to him that the summons must fail as it stood. The wording was to the effect that the constable was assaulted and obstructed in the execution of his duty. Mr. Lo said that the prosecution to succeed must prove that. So far, the prosecution, on their own admission, had stated that D.185 was not executing his duty at all and that tree cutting at Po Chung was outside his duty.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that admittedly the constable was outside his beat, but that did not debar him from arresting someone.

Mr. Lo said that even if the constable's story was to be believed he should have had a warrant, but the man was not executing his duty and went to Po Chung without a warant of any kind.

Mr. Lindsell said that it would be hard to convince him there and illustrated the position by saying that a constable on one beat was perfectly entitled to go beyond his beat to assist another constable, on hearing police whistles blown, for instance.

Mr. Lo submitted that in the present case the constable should not have gone without a warrant. He added that he would like to know whether the arrest was on the first defendant's vegetable farm.

His Worship indicated that he would have to call further evidence as to the locality of the arrest.

Mr. Lindsell then enquired if Mr. Russ was going to call all his clients to the witness box to give evidence?

Mr. Russ: I shall watch your Worship's face. After I have called one I shall tell you whether it is necessary to call any more.

The hearing will be continued on Monday next at 2.15 p.m.

LAND SALES.

$18,000 FOR PROPERTY IN LAICHIKOK.

Two valuable pieces of property were sold by auction at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon. The first lost, consisting of 60,000 square feet of spare land situate in Laichikok and known as New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,130, was sold to Mr. Lam Ming-fan, while Mr. Lai Hon-fai was the purchaser of a New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,132 situate at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City.

The first lot was offered for $18,000 and on there being only one bid, Mr. Lam Ming-fan became the new owner. In the second sale the property which consists of only 5,510 square feet, was sold to Mr. Lai Hon-fai for the up-set price of $6,887.50.

HAINAN ISLAND.

MORE OUTLETS NEEDED.

The island of Kiungchow, more commonly known as Hainan, lies off the south coast of Kwangtung. It has long been noted for its extremely rich soil, and its immense natural resources. The island possesses a series of mountain ranges running from a common centre or parent range, and having somewhat the appearance of a star or crow's foot. Along the slopes of these ranges there are extensive tracts of fine timber, suitable for industrial purposes. Beneath the timber, in the bowels of mother earth, lie abundant supplies of mineral wealth. Interspersed among the forests, and on the more level plains the soil supports practically all forms of agriculture.

The difficult nature of the hills render survey a difficult problem, says the *Canton Gazette*, and so far there has been no attempt at accurate and exhaustive survey. Some years ago a cursory survey was carried out, and although it was a necessarily light investigation, the results obtained furnished convincing proof of the abundant natural wealth of the island.

The island also possesses a rich salt and fishing trade.

In recent years rubber, cocoanuts, and other tropical products have been planted, and plantations are springing up slowly but nevertheless surely, with invariable success. Mr. Li Luchao, Commissioner of the Department of Industry opened a Bureau of Industry on the Island, to foster the industrial development of the territory. Roads are being opened and built, giving access to the rich valleys of the interior, and communications are developing, facilitating transport.

But there is one great drawback. There is only one sea-outlet—the port of Hoihow. Hoihow is situated at the northern portion. It possesses a poor harbour, of very shallow depth, and coastal ships have to anchor some distance out, necessitating long and tedious journeys by sampan in communicating with the shore.

This lack of sea-outlets is hindering the development of the island. In the Ching dynasty, the Manchus recognised the problem and at one time proposed to build a port at Yu Lin, but this proposal came to naught.

General Chen Ming-shu, Rehabilitation Commissioner for the Southern Region, has been giving much thought to the island. He also recognised the lack of outlet facilities, and investigations made could not discover a better land than the coastal hamlet of Yu Lin, selected by the Manchus.

Yu Lin is in the southern portion, in Ngai Yun district. It possesses a promising natural harbour, with deep water, and with proper development, offers potentialities of a fine shipping port.

Mr. Wu Tung-kai, Chief of the local Bureau of Industry, with Mr. Yang Chuck-man, his secretary, recently came to Canton to see Marshal Li Chai-sum with the proposal to develop Yu Lin into a regular sea port. The development of this port would render accessible the natural products of the southern portion of the island, which hitherto, has been neglected.

It is reported that Marshal Li has approved of this suggestion, and that a company is being promoted for this purpose. The company will not only develop the port, but will also work the forests and minerals in the neighbourhood.

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SOVIET-AFGHAN ALLIANCE NOT PROPOSED.

Moscow, May 7.

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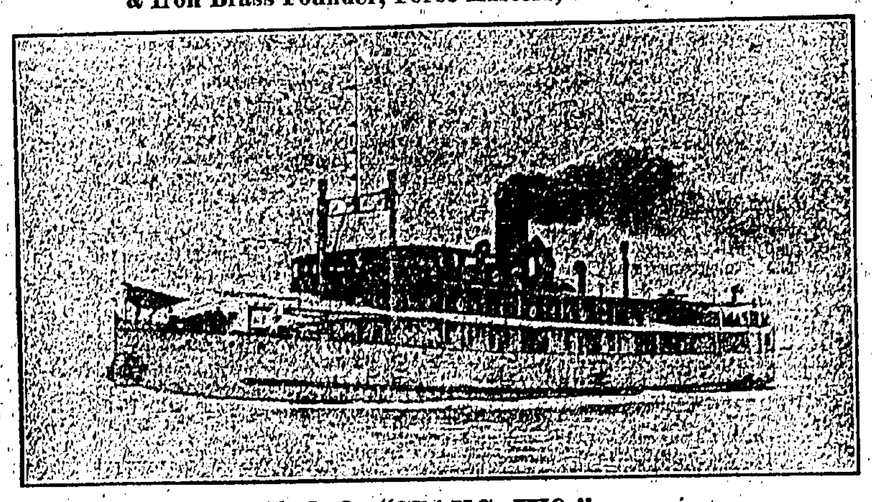

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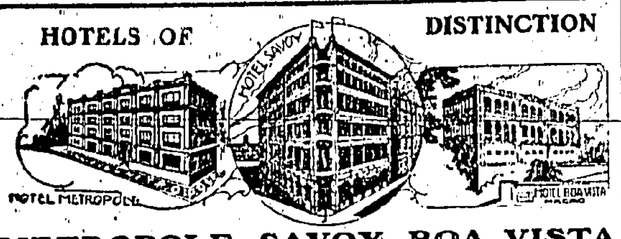

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NEW TSINAN SENSATION.

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eastern section of the commercial area which was guarded by the troops under Lieut.-Colonel Koizumi, the Commander of the Japanese Garrison in Tientsin. A portion of his troops tried to restrain the Chinese soldiers, but they would not listen to them. On the contrary, the Chinese soldiers opened fire, whereupon the Japanese troops were constrained to use arms. Approximately 2,000 Southern troops, which were quartered in that neighbourhood, also joined in the trouble.

"As the affair became serious, the Japanese troops immediately took up their allotted positions to safeguard the Japanese residents. Japanese residents were accommodated in the Japanese Consulate-General and the Japanese Club. Meanwhile, the Headquarters of the Japanese Army sent Lieut.-Colonel Sasaki to the General Headquarters of the Southern Forces and demanded immediate cessation of hostilities. The Southern authorities sent liaison officers to restrain riotous soldiers, but orders were not obeyed by the soldiers.

"Outside the Japanese defence area, not only Japanese homes but those of foreigners were pillaged by Chinese troops, and a number of Japanese were slaughtered.

"The Japanese Division made every endeavour to suppress the rioting in co-operation with the Southern authorities, and it appears that the situation quieted down towards 10 o'clock last night. The number of casualties on the side of the Japanese Army known up to yesterday evening is 5 killed, 20 wounded and one missing. On the other hand, the casualties on the Chinese side is not less than 100, and some 1,500 Chinese soldiers were disarmed."—*Toho.*

Japanese Civilians in Refuge.

Shanghai, May 4.

A Tsinan message, dated May 3, received in Shanghai yesterday, reports as follows on the circumstances which led to the collision between Japanese and Chinese troops:

"Seeing that the demeanour of the Chinese troops in the city was comparatively inoffensive, the Japanese troops set about removing all defence works at about 10 o'clock this morning, when Chinese troops, taking advantage of the relaxation of the Japanese defence, started looting in the commercial area of the city, firing rifles at the same time.

"The Headquarters of the Japanese troops, while ordering men to take up their posts for the protection of the Japanese residents, sent officers to the Headquarters of the Chinese troops for negotiations, but in vain. The Japanese and Chinese troops are still engaged in fighting.

"On the other hand, some of the Japanese residents, carrying arms, which were taken from Chinese soldiers by Japanese troops, are acting with Japanese regulars. The majority of the Japanese residents have been accommodated in the Japanese Consulate-General and the Japanese Club.—*Toho.*

CANTON PROTESTS.

Police Precautions.

Over 50,000, including Government officials took part in the mass meeting in Canton yesterday, to commemorate, on the one hand, National Humiliation Day, in connexion with the Japanese 21 Demands, and on the other, to protest against the Japanese "Massacre" of Chinese soldiers and the murder of the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Tsinanfu.

To prevent any untoward incident, a full brigade of soldiers and many detectives were present to preserve order.

Representatives of the Kwangtung Press Association, the Kwangtung Kuomintang Branch Association and of all political factions and public organisations attended.

Drastic Measures.

It was resolved to dispatch a telegram to the Nanking Nationalist Government urging immediate and most drastic measures in settling the matter with the Japanese. The telegram was worded as follows:

"Under the pretext of protecting her nationals in Shangtung, the Japanese Government repeated her most erroneous action of last year by sending to Shantung, a large force of Japanese troops, Such a plot to hinder the progress of the Nationalist army when it was accomplishing wonderful results in the Northern Expedition, is most lamentable.

Mischievous Plot.

This is a mischievous plot to assist the Fengtien Party and to employ the latter political faction to further the ends of the Japanese Government in securing privileges in Shangtung and elsewhere in China.

Despite the country-wide protest of the Chinese demanding immediate evacuation the Japanese troops opened fire on the Nationalists on May 3rd., murdering the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Tsinanfu and massacring more than 1,000 Chinese soldiers.

The inhumanity and cruelty of the Japanese Imperialists is now exposed. What will China be if the Japanese create such a precedent, when we are being oppressed by other countries?

Must Fight for Race.

To fight for our race and for the complete independence of China we must struggle with the Japanese.

Telegram To Japan.

The meeting also filed a telegram of protest to the Japanese Government in which it was stated: The Northern Expedition of the Nationalist Government is directed at the extermination of militarism in China. The Nationalist armies have been advancing rapidly towards their goal and it is expected that before long China will be united. Your Government's despatch of troops to Shantung regarded as a pretext to help the Peking Government, which will ultimately protract Chinese civil strife.

The people of Kwantung are indignant to hear of the massacring of more than 1,000 Chinese soldiers in Tsinanfu, and they have determined to call on all the people of China for a combined protest against such high-handed action. Pending the evacuation of Japanese troops from all Chinese territories, the Chinese will take the most drastic measures in negotiating with your government.

Shanghai Agitation.

Shanghai, May 7.

The Student Union of Shanghai is giving open air lectures just outside the Settlement boundaries, inflaming anti-Japanese sentiment and preaching a boycott and the severance of economic relations, while the Chinese merchants at the Chamber of Commerce meeting this afternoon will discuss the advisability of declaring a general strike. —*Reuter.*

Japan Attacked.

Shanghai, May 7.

The vernacular papers have been mostly silent in regards to Tsinan until to-day, but are now strongly attacking Japan. They are accusing the Japanese of provoking the affair in order to justify the despatch of their troops.

Most Chinese also attack Japan, although many other well informed people declare that the trouble was caused by the communists in order to embarass Chiang Kai-shek.—*Reuter.*

Stein's Hotel Looted.

Peking, May 7.

Mr. H. J. Timperley, the correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, arrived at Tsingtao this morning from Tsinan by the Japanese military train. He gives additional confirmation of the report that British and American residents of Tsinanfu are safe, but states that the Stein's Hotel, where he was staying, was looted. He expected that the foreigners would evacuate Tsinanfu shortly, as soon as the line from Tsinanfu to Tsingtao is repaired.—*Reuter*

Troops From Dairen.

Tsingtao, May 7.

Two thousand Japanese troops from Dairen disembarked yesterday but were held up in their journey to Tsinanfu through the lack of rolling-stock.

The Nationalists continue to cut the Shantung Railway in several places.—*Reuter.*

Forty Aeroplanes.

Tokyo, May 7.

The aeroplane carrier Notoro which has a capacity of 40 planes, has been ordered to prepare for departure for Tsingtao.—*Reuter.*

Home Comments.

London, May 7.

The new crisis in China and the possibilities of a definite Chinese-Japanese clash, has been featured in the newspapers, splashed on the news pages and exhaustively discussed in leaders.

Significance is especially attached to the Northerners joining the Southerners in protesting against Japanese intervention.

The *Morning Post* says that Japan is involved in a struggle from which it will be difficult for her to extricate herself without military precautions and expense.

The *Daily Mail* says that the outrages in Tsinanfu were the result of a dangerous anti-foreign movement and British sympathy with Japanese therefore is strong. General satisfaction will be felt that the Japanese are acting with such vigour and decision.

The *Manchester Guardian* says that after the British experiences in China it is difficult to be very censorious over the decision of the Japanese Government to defend lives and property by the despatch of troops, but it is conceivable that the events in Tsinanfu will develop in such a way as to involve Japan further and cause her to make very undesirable inroads upon the sovereign territorial rights of China.—*Reuter.*

$40,000 DAMAGES CLAIM.

DEFENCE OPENED THIS MORNING.

PLEA OF ACTING IN GOOD FAITH.

COUNSEL'S ARGUMENT.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, defending counsel in the claim for $40,000 damages, declared in the Supreme Court this morning that the defendant had given more in cash or in credit for goods than he had ever received, and further contended that the Chief Justice would have to find that the defendant was so grossly negligent that his actions amounted to fraud, before he could find for the plaintiff.

The case is one in which Kwik Djeon-yung, of the Kiem Tjiang Han firm, 126 Wing Lok Street, claims $40,000 from Tsang Fook, music shop proprietor, 94a, Wanchai Road, either as damages or as money received for the use of the plaintiff. The plaintiff alleges that a clerk, named Iu Po-lun formerly in his employ, who has absconded by altering the amounts of debit notes, obtained large sums of money from the firm and passed cheques on to Tsang Fook.

The case for the plaintiff is being conducted by Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. E. Davidson of Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. D. H. Blake, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, is defending.

In closing his case, Mr. Potter formerly put in the defendant's pass book to establish that on the dates of the two order cheques, September 9, 1925, and January 8, 1926, the defendant had credit with the bank apart from the two cheques. Therefore the two cheques would not be used to wipe out an outstanding debt balance.

Defendant's Good Faith.

Mr. Jenkin, in opening the case for the defence, said that the principles upon which the case had to be decided were drawn by common consent from the same authorities. The defendant's story was that in taking the cheques he took them in good faith. It was laid down in law that if a thing was deemed to have been done in good faith, where it was in fact done honestly, whether with negligence or not, no degree of negligence was sufficient to saddle the taker with bad faith unless the tribunal examining the circumstances came to the conclusion that the conduct of the taker was so gross that it amounted to fraud.

Mr. Jenkin said he would put it to his Lordship that he would have to be convinced that, in order to saddle Tsang Fook with the claim made in the action, there being facts which called for enquiry Tsang Fook wilfully and fraudulently abstained from making those enquiries. With regard to the present case it would be shown that the defendant did make enquiries and was satisfied. He had, in fact, given more in cash or in credit for goods supplied than he had ever received.

"A Big Noise."

After addressing his Lordship on the question of values, Mr. Jenkin went on to refer to accounts which had been drawn up as between the defendant and Iu Po-lun, showing the transactions that had passed between them with regard to loans and purchases of musical apparatus.

Counsel explained that Tsang Fook opened a head office in Ice House Street in February, 1925, and Iu Po-lun, who was a big noise in the Chinese musical world, brought business from the Chinese community. A great deal of Tsang Fook's success in the early years had been due to the efforts of Iu Po-lun, commented counsel. On the occasion of the opening of the office, a banquet was given in the Kam Ling Restaurant. The banquet was arranged by Iu Po-lun and he also settled the bills afterwards, as a result of which Tsang Fook owed money to Iu Po-lun.

Monev Advanced.

Among the people Iu Po-lun introduced to the music store, continued Mr. Jenkin, was a son of the plaintiff. Iu Po-lun was regarded as, and accepted the position of, being responsible for Tsang Fook's accounts which had been opened by people who had been introduced by Iu Po-lun. From time to time the defendant would advance money to Iu Po-lun and those advances would subsequently be settled by Iu Po-lun bringing cheques drawn upon the Kwik firm in favour of the Chartered Bank or bearer. After deducting any loan already made, a cheque would be given by the defendant to Iu Po-lun.

Counsel then went on to deal with details of the accounts between the two men.

The case is proceeding.

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